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Subway rumble sends residents bad vibrations

Keele & Jane stations.
Report blames corroded rail pads, worn-down rails for increased noise

For Julie Thomson, not being able to have her father-in-law over for Christmas was the last straw.

Thomson, 46, lives near Keele Station and says the throbbing noise of passing subway trains has kept her father-in-law, who has Alzheimer's and is noise-sensitive, away from her home.

"In the last two years it has increased unbelievably," said Thomson, who bought a house just north of High Park seven years ago. "I used to hear the odd one — now I hear every single one."

Her complaints have been corroborated by a TTC-commissioned report that pinned the problem on deteriorating infrastructure.

When a train passes underneath Thomson's home, her dishes rattle, pictures shake on the walls and vibrations run through the floors like you're at a rock concert. If it's rush hour, conversations must be halted until the racket ends.

Her neighbours, Stasia Kopec, 66, and Wanda Pawlowski, 64, have lived in their homes for more than 30 years and said it's never been like this.

"It's really, really bad, and it doesn't have to be because it wasn't before," said Pawlowski, who has trouble sleeping.

The Keele Station report, done by Aercoustics Engineering Ltd., found vibrations in the area are two or three times higher since last reported in 2005.

Coun. Sarah Doucette (Ward 13, Parkdale-High Park), area residents and TTC representatives were set to discuss the findings and the TTC's plans going forward Thursday, but the meeting was cancelled.

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Living in a shake shack?

- Two reports, one for the Jane Station area and the other for Keele Station, were released in July and found "vibration levels have significantly increased" since last studied in 1993, 2000 and 2005.

THE TRUDEAU TUMULT

Liberal MP Justin Trudeau speaks briefly with media as he enters a party caucus meetings on Parliament Hill Wednesday. A spasm of media attention — a rarity in Liberal circles since their devastating defeat in the 2011 election — followed Trudeau all day in hopes he might confirm that, yes indeed, he intends to seek the job his famous father held. Story, page 12. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Queer-schools idea on hold

Group advocating for queer-centric schools not yet ready to pitch idea to TDSB PAGE 3

Fight fury with the funnies

An Egyptian newspaper responds to crude cartoons with its own sketches PAGE 18

Rowling in the deep unknown

J.K. Rowling's first adult novel is out — what's the worst that can happen, she wonders? PAGE 32

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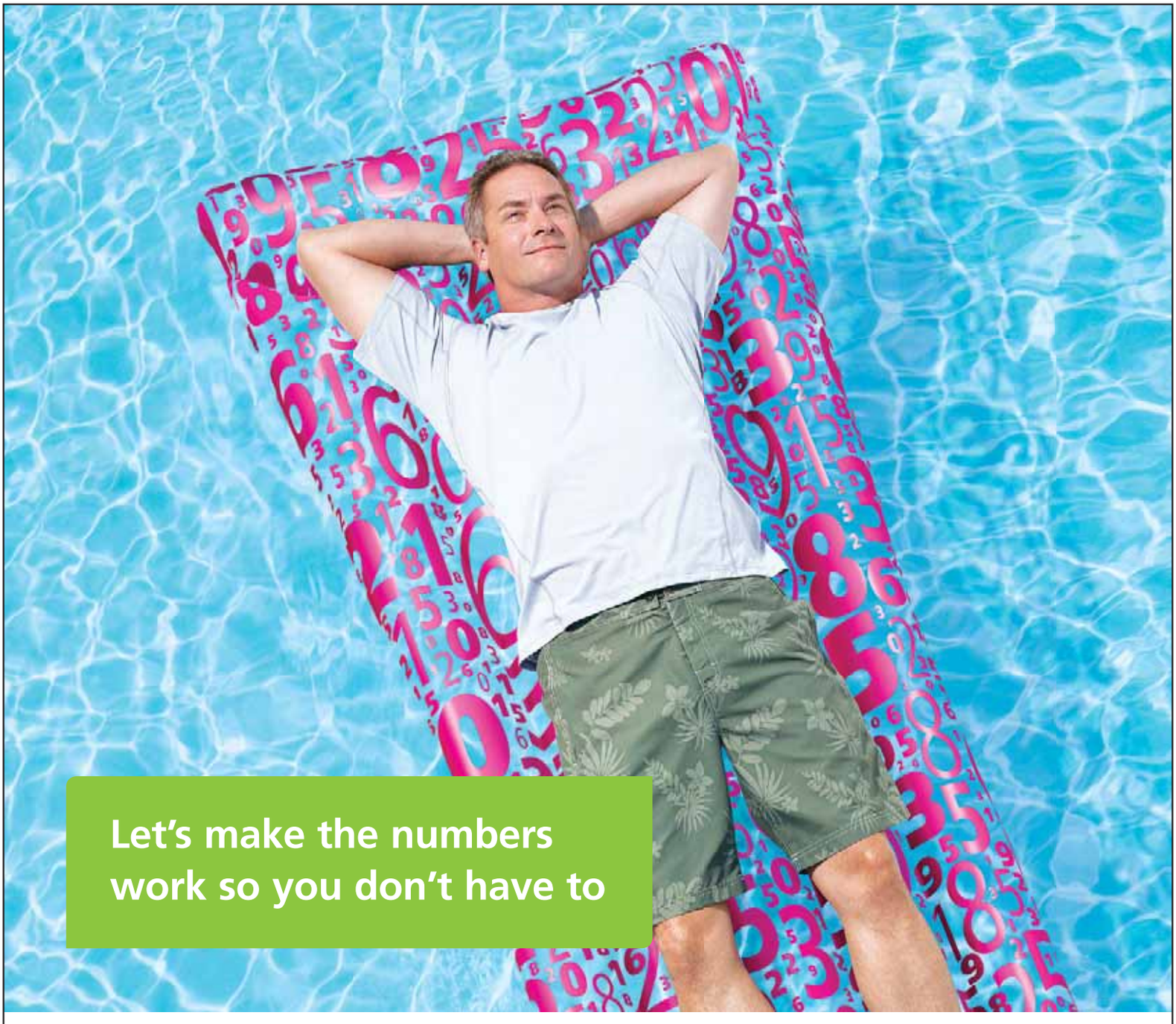

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Streeters

"I know personally, in high school I would get bullied a lot. I know a lot of gay kids do.... You gay kids need a place to go and they need someone to talk to"

Matthew Scarlet, retail worker

"Well you have afro-centric schools and if there were Queer-centric schools I would say give it a try... It's ultimately up to the parents, though, whether they would enroll their students in the school."

Denton Rowe, film and television grad

"I personally don't agree with it. I think that there needs to be a lot of work within the high schools to make kids feel safe, whatever the issue is for them. I think removing them—unless in extreme cases — I think it just isolates."

David Routledge, social worker

"I think it's a great idea because it gives gay, bisexual kids a chance to be with people like them and not be judged.... I'm bisexual myself and I was bullied a couple of years ago."

Diana Sandulescu, returning student

Fan Wu, organizer of a group writing a proposal for a Queer-centric school, speaks to media before a public meeting at the 519 Church Street Community Centre on Wednesday. Mainstream media outlets were barred from the meeting. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Group says plan for LGBT school needs more time

Education. Worries surface that separate school may threaten existing program for queer teens in crisis

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Plans to ask the Toronto District School Board for a queer-centric high school were cancelled at a community meeting on Wednesday night.

Fan Wu, an organizer of a group advocated for a queer-centric school, said the goal was to create a queer-centric school that would be a model that would eventually help eliminate homophobia in all schools. He organized a meeting at the 519 Church Street Community Centre on Wednesday evening. The media — aside from the publication Xtra — were not allowed to attend.

The group of about 45 people ultimately decided that the plan needed more time and broader consultation and shouldn't be pitched to the TDSB by the deadline, set at the end of the month, Wu said.

One of the main concerns was the future of the Triangle Program, which is run out of the Oasis Alternative Secondary School, and has a mandate to help LGBT students in crisis.

Terry Ross used to be on the community council of the Triangle Program.

"I don't think there was enough consultation with the community," he said. "There were concerns that it would be the end of the Triangle Program if they brought in a separate school, and that it would be a different focus from what the Triangle Program is providing right now."

TDSB funding is based on enrollment, and there were concerns the Triangle Program would suffer if it lost students to the new school, said Ross.

Tommy Mihaly, 18, a student at the Triangle Program, said the school is more than a classroom for its students.

"We're like a family. The students care for each other, the teachers care for the students, they're more than just teachers — they're social workers and they're like parents," he said.

Quoted

"I experienced a culture where I could not speak about my sexuality at the rest of the school. I would call it covert bullying, which can be just as painful to a student trying to develop one's own sense of self."

Fan Wu, organizer of proposed LGBT school

Suspect in sex assault of girl, 2, known to cops

A man charged with sexual assault of a two-year-old girl yelled explicit comments at the toddler, but didn't harm her, police say.

Police said the girl was riding a bicycle Saturday on the street near Millwood Park when the man drove up to the girl, stopped his car and began yelling explicit comments to the girl as he approached her with his arms extended.

"He approached the little girl, and he was standing right over top of her at the time her father intervened and stopped him," said Det. Steve Laramy, who said police believe the man's intent was sexual in nature, based on what he was yelling.

Laramy said the man is known to police and they believe there may be other victims.

David Briggs, 46, of Mississauga is charged with attempted abduction of a person under 14, sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching, assault with intent to resist arrest, and two drug charges.

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David Briggs HANDOUT

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Iranian woman's fate still uncertain

Refugee. Officials relent shortly after ordering her back to Iran, but still haven't agreed to review new evidence

A refugee who claims she could face death by stoning if sent back to Iran says she is feeling emotionally tortured by indecisive border officials.

Fatemeh Derakhshandeh Tosarvandan, 41, emerged in shock after a meeting with the Canada Border Service Agency Wednesday, where she was told she and her 16-year-old son, Hessam, would be put on a flight to Tehran on Oct. 2 — three days short of having a chance to present new evidence to support her claim for asylum.

"They are going to deport me three days before I could have my pre-removal risk assessment (PRRA). It's just not fair. They don't care that my life, my son's life, will be in danger," said Tosarvandan, before breaking down in tears.

But shortly after the meeting, Tosarvandan got a phone call telling her the flight had been cancelled — again — until further notice. She had originally been scheduled for deportation last Thursday.

"This is a torture for us," said Tosarvandan, one of the first to be ordered deported to Iran since Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird severed diplomatic relations with the country.

Tosarvandan's refugee claim was refused on Oct. 5, 2011, and she is banned from obtaining a risk assessment for one year under a controversial new law introduced by the Stephen Harper government this summer. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

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The new TTC streetcar sits at the CP Rail yard at St Clair and Runnymede.
RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC. New streetcar spotted in the Junction

The first test vehicle of the Toronto Transit Commission's new streetcar fleet has arrived in the city, sending ripples of excitement through Toronto's transit-hungry trainspotting community.

Bombardier shipped the new streetcar to the Canadian Pacific rail yard near Runnymede Road and Dundas Street on Tuesday, where it will stand until it's lifted onto a flatbed and trucked overnight to the TTC's Hillcrest yard at Bathurst Street and Davenport Road.

TTC officials aren't saying when that will happen.

Not surprisingly, reports and photos of sightings hit the Internet almost immediately.

The vehicle is the first of three test vehicles.
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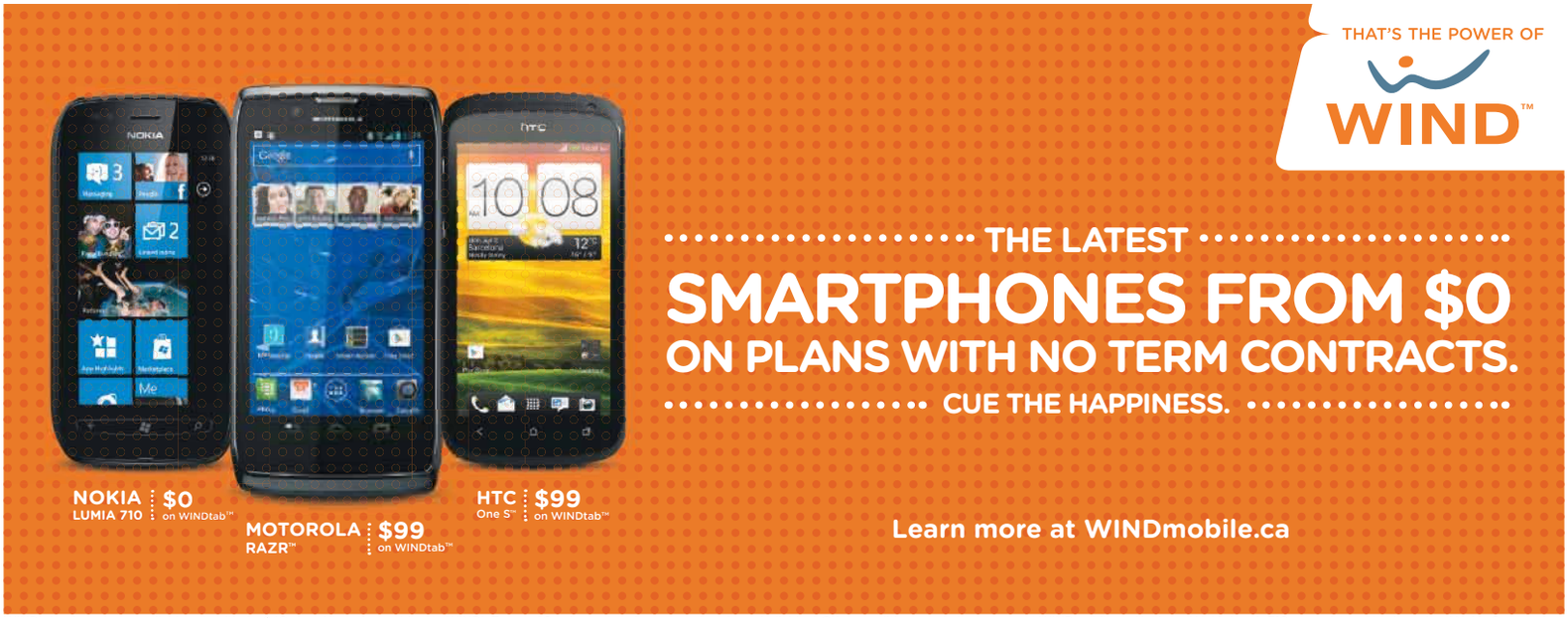
Wheel-Trans. TTC urged to go slow on contracts

A Toronto city councillor and a group of cab drivers want the TTC to put the brakes on a proposed extension of contracts to Wheel-Trans taxi providers.

City Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong and lawyer Peter Rosenthal, who represents the iTaxiworkers Association, say the TTC is wasting tax dollars by paying its contractors $3 million a year by simply dispatching the drivers who pick up Wheel-Trans fares.

The contracts, which expire at the end of 2013, are worth about $35 million each. The extensions are worth about $8.5 million each a year. Extending the contracts won't allow for a closer examination of costs and other alleged irregularities, say Minnan-Wong and Rosenthal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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Opposition could force Liberals to probe gas plant cancellations

Contempt charges. If Dalton McGuinty's Liberals are compelled to call a committee, it could spell trouble for Energy Minister Chris Bentley

Political wrangling that has derailed business at Queen's Park could be resolved as early as next week if opposition parties can force the government to strike a committee to probe the $230 million gas plant debacle.

Such a committee would be free to investigate the allegations of government interference in the scuttled deal to construct power stations in Oakville and Mississauga.

A similar opposition-controlled panel looking into the ORNGE air ambulance scandal caused the Liberals grief for months on end.

Debate on a contempt of the legislature motion has scuttled the daily question period all week and halted an effort to curb public service pay increases announced by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

As the debate stretched into its 10th hour, the NDP signalled late Wednesday that it wants a vote as soon as possible.

"We aren't putting any more speakers on the list," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath. "It's time to send this to ... committee where it belongs."

The Progressive Conservatives emphasized there's no deadline for the debate, which centres on Energy Minister Chris Bentley's release of 36,000 documents related to the shuttered gas plants.

"It could take hours, it could take days," said Tory MPP Rob Leone (Cambridge). "The people of Ontario have a right to know."

Energy Minister Chris Bentley is increasingly under fire for his handling of the release of 36,000 documents related to the shuttered gas plants. ANDREW WALLACE/TORONTO STAR

The Liberals say the Oakville cancellation cost only $40 million and had earlier announced a price tag of $190 million for the Mississauga facility. The Tories have been mining the released documents and claim the total costs could be $640 million for the two plants.

"The government has not been honest about the true cost of the gas plant cancellations," Leone said, adding closures "were orchestrated by (a) desperate and politically motivated Liberal campaign team."

Amid strong local opposition, both plants were mothballed, which may have helped bolster Liberal fortunes during last fall's provincial election.

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Calls for transparency

Energy Minister Chris Bentley, who personally faces charges of contempt, wasn't minister at the time both plants were mothballed, but NDP and PC members say that he should be held accountable for not releasing all documents pertaining to the deal.

- The Liberals insist all relevant paperwork has been handed over.

McGuinty faces 'perfect storm' of labour strife, belt tightening: Poll

Premier Dalton McGuinty's austerity push is hurting him politically even though Ontarians are sympathetic to the need for restraint, a new poll suggests.

The Forum Research interactive voice survey of 851 Ontarians on Monday shows the Liberals have fallen to 20 per cent support — well behind Progressive Conservatives at 37 per cent and New Democrats at 35 per cent. The Greens trail with seven per cent.

The poll also comes as the Liberals have been hit by bad news on everything from wage freezes for teachers and other public servants to fallout over the costly cancellation of power plants in Oakville and Mississauga.

Vanishing middle

"People are saying if I want restraint, I want the real deal, I'm voting for the Tories. Or if they're for the teachers, they're voting for the NDP. It's become polarized in Ontario — the centre is disappearing."

Forum president Lorne Bozinoff

On the question of the ongoing dispute with teachers stemming from the imposition of a two-year wage freeze, 45 per cent supported the educators while 40 per cent backed the government and 15 per cent didn't know.

Ontarians were similarly split on the legislation earlier this month that prevents teachers from striking — 45 per cent approved, 45 per cent disapproved and 10 per cent were undecided.

However, by an almost two-to-one margin (59 to 31 per cent) respondents disapprove of teachers withdrawing from extracurricular activities.

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Iran's Ahmadinejad talks, Canadians walk out again

United Nations.
Tensions run high at UN meeting only weeks after Canada closed embassy in Iran

Canadian diplomats walked out Wednesday as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad subjected the United Nations to more of his trademark political vitriol, but the Iranian president brushed off Canada's anti-Iran bent even as Tehran warned its citizens to avoid the country for fear of rampant "Iranophobia."

It wasn't the first time the Canadian delegation has walked out on Ahmadinejad — they did it last year and in 2009 at the United Nations annual gathering of world leaders.

But tensions are running higher than ever between the two countries after Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird shuttered Canada's embassy in Iran three weeks ago.

"We will not sit silently in our chairs and listen to Iran's hateful, anti-Western, anti-Semitic views," Baird's press secretary, Rick Roth, said.

"If anything, today's address only reinforces our decision earlier this month to suspend diplomatic relations with Iran."

Ahmadinejad was dismissive of Canada in a news conference following his speech to the UN.

"I fundamentally don't see this as a very important issue. Of course we did not have a substantial economic relationship with Canada," he said.

Ahmadinejad didn't mention Canada by name during his speech, but a statement was posted Wednesday by the Islamic Republic News Agency, Iran's official news agency. The statement, attributed to Iran's Foreign Ministry, warned Iranian citizens against travelling to Canada, citing "Islamophobia," "Iranophobia" and a "double standard" in Canada towards human rights.

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Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures at the United Nations General Assembly Wednesday. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis

Iran's leader politically wounded

Iran's president has no trouble making himself heard: rumbling through the UN's annual world gathering this week with comments bashing homosexuality, describing Israel as a doomed misfit in the Middle East and predicting a rising tide against U.S. "bullying."

On one point, however, he is mum — his plans after elections next June that will close out his second and final term.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has so far dodged questions about possible post-presidential roles with cryptic replies or inscrutable silence. Yet this much is clear: Despite his bravado at the UN and other international forums, he heads into the last months of his presidency politically wounded at home from skirmishes with Iran's ruling system.

His departure as president also could lead to a more toned-down approach from Iran in general over its nuclear program and possible deal-making with the West, analysts say.

Iran's theocracy directs all key policies — including the pace of nuclear development and negotiations with the West — leaving the president, in theory, to shepherd domestic affairs and other issues. In reality, however, Ahmadinejad has reshaped the office into an international soapbox with messages that may or may not be sanctioned from the top. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Morsi: Won't rest until Syrian civil war ends

Egypt's new President Mohammed Morsi, making his debut on the global stage at the United Nations, said Wednesday that he will not rest until the civil war in Syria is brought to an end.

He called the fighting there, which opposition groups say has killed at least 30,000 people, the "tragedy of the age," and one that "we all must end." And he invited all nations to join an effort to stop the bloodshed that began about 18 months ago when opposition figures rose up against President Bashar Assad's regime.

Morsi, an Islamist and key figure in the once-banned Muslim Brotherhood, opened his remarks to the UN General Assembly by celebrating himself as Egypt's first democratically elected leader who was swept into office after what he called a "great, peaceful revolution."

He said the first issue for the world body should be certifying the rights of the Palestinian people.

"The fruits of dignity and freedom must not remain far from the Palestinian people," he said, adding that it was "shameful" that UN resolutions are not enforced.

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Mohammed Morsi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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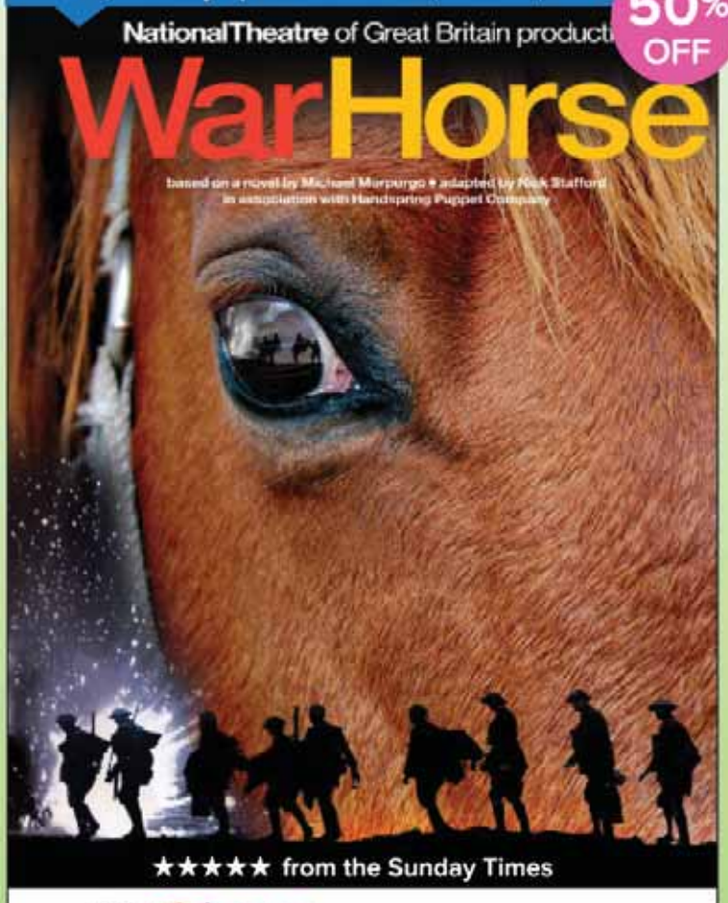

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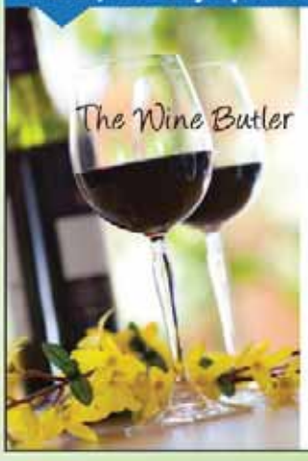

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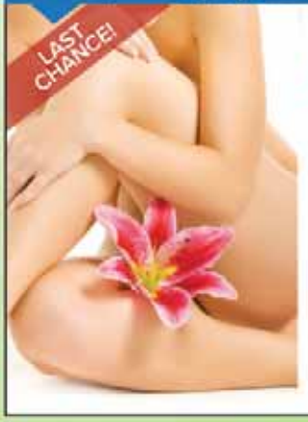

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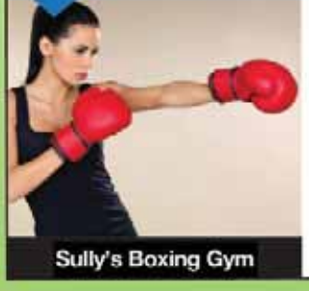

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Ambrose feels pro-life heat

Bill defeated. But Status of Women minister criticized after she votes in favour of it

A Tory MP's landmark pro-life bid was defeated in the House of Commons on Wednesday night — and the prime minister helped torpedo it.

Stephen Harper voted against the motion to have Parliament study the definition of a human being.

But 10 ministers voted to keep the debate alive.

Quoted

"Mr. Harper can't have it both ways. He can't claim that he's against reopening the abortion debate and having a sitting minister vote in favour of reopening the abortion debate."

Thomas Mulcair,
NDP Leader.

Public Works and Status of Women minister Rona Ambrose was among the members of cabinet who rose to vote in favour of Stephen Woodworth's private motion — and was roundly criticized for it.

"It's unacceptable," said NDP MP Niki Ashton.

"Stephen Harper told us his government wasn't willing to reopen the debate and you have the minister in charge of the Status of Women voting (in favour)."

The motion was defeated by a vote of 203-91.

Harper had called Woodworth's motion "unfortunate," and in the spring said he would vote against it because of his party's electoral commitment to not re-open the debate on abortion.

But more than 80 Conservative MPs did not appear to view their vote as a contradiction to the election promise.

Woodworth said he hopes his supporters will keep up the pressure on MPs. "I hope that people … will be moved to advocate that we enshrine in Canadian law the inherent worth and dignity of every human being," he said.

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Status of Women Minister Rona Ambrose, pictured on Monday, voted in favour of the controversial pro-life motion on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Woodworth

MP wants to protect the unborn

When does human life begin?

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Two men hunted

Chained teen shocks Alice, 78

Police in Nova Scotia are searching for two men facing charges of forcible confinement and sexual assault after 78-year-old Alice Arnold found a strange visitor on her doorstep.

Arnold said a teen in bare feet knocked on her door in Upper Chelsea, about 130 kilometres southwest of Halifax, on Monday wearing nothing but a hooded sweatshirt.

She said he had chains around his wrists and ankles and he appeared to be "terrified."

"It's horrifying to think about," she said on Wednesday.

She said she didn't allow him into her home, but told him she was calling police.

"He ran to another neighbour's house. and they let him in and they cut off the chains."

The RCMP said the boy was taken to a nearby hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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Will Justin jump? Media magnet Trudeau plays coy

Tuesday the day?

Son of Liberal icon won't confirm or deny reports he'll enter Grits' leadership race

Justin Trudeau's star power was vividly on display Wednesday as reports of his imminent entry into the Liberal leadership race sparked a media frenzy on Parliament Hill. But the 40-year-old Montreal MP coyly refused to confirm or deny reports he'll announce his bid Tuesday.

A phalanx of television cameras and outstretched microphones besieged Liberals outside their usually quiet weekly caucus meeting.

It was a testament to Trudeau's magnetic ability to attract attention.

"Thank you very much for your interest," he said on his way out of the meeting.

"I'm pleased to hear all the buzz and all the interest in the Liberal party's fortunes.

The man

Some folksy facts about Justin Trudeau, the son of Liberal icon and former prime minister Pierre Trudeau:

- **Birth.** He was born on Christmas Day, 1971. Brother Sacha was born two years later on the same day.
- **Marriage.** He is married to former Quebec TV personality and model Sophie Grégoire. They have two children.

"But I have nothing further today … I promise I will let you know when I have something to announce."

Liberals are desperate to avoid sinking into oblivion after being battered in the 2011 election. That's made Trudeau the virtual front-runner in a leadership race that hasn't yet officially begun.

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The Trudeau tempest: Justin negotiates a microphone maze as he enters a Liberal caucus meeting on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. Reports of his imminent entry into the Liberal leadership race sparked a media frenzy.

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DRIVERS OVER 25

There may have been some improvement in yearly premiums for drivers with some driving experience. Don't forget to also ask about further discounts. These may include: installing a security system, driving an eco-friendly car, or installing safety features such as winter tires. If recently married, combine policies with your spouse and take advantage of bulk discounting by having more than one car insured with the company.

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS

An experienced driver with a good driving record may be eligible for better insurance rates; the key is to find the insurance company that will offer the lowest rate. Shopping around for car insurance is the easiest way to find a better way. Other ways to save include changing your deductible – perhaps carrying a higher deductible; or, combining home and auto insurance policies with the same insurance company.

DRIVERS OVER 55 YEARS

Mature drivers over 55 years old may qualify for some of the best rates available. Some insurance companies across Canada specialize in getting the best rates for mature drivers. There are also retirement benefits to keep in mind: no commute distance may mean a lower rate. Make sure the insurance company changes the commuting status to pleasure use.

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Lawsuit settlement

UC to pay Occupy protesters $1M

The University of California has agreed to pay $1 million US to settle a lawsuit filed by demonstrators who were pepper-sprayed during an Occupy protest at UC Davis last fall, according to a preliminary settlement filed Wednesday.

The Nov. 18, 2011, incident, during which a police officer casually dispensed orange pepper spray in the faces of non-violent protesters, prompted national outrage after online videos went viral.

Lt. John Pike of the Davis police uses pepper spray to move protesters last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Under the settlement, UC would pay $30,000 to 21 plaintiffs, $250,000 to their attorneys, $100,000 for other individuals who can prove they were pepper-sprayed and $20,000 to the ACLU. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Union convention

B.C. towns vote to decriminalize pot

British Columbia's municipal politicians have waded into the national marijuana debate by voting in favour of decriminalizing pot and studying the benefits of taxing and regulating it.

Mayors and councillors attending the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities convention were backed Wednesday by the Victoria-area community of Metchosin to support marijuana decriminalization during a stirring debate.

"I tried it when I was younger, and I turned out OK," said Prince George Coun. Brian Skakun.

The majority said it was time B.C. did something to counter the violent control organized crime has over the marijuana industry — estimated to be worth $7 billion annually. But Tom Siddon, a B.C. Interior regional district politician, said this would send the wrong message to young people. "This is not a remedy." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Screengrab images from surveillance video shown at the Charbonneau Commission in Montreal Wednesday. A police detective showed the video of prominent construction bosses and high-ranking members of the Rizzuto crime family exchanging cash. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CONTRIBUTED

Mafia dealings caught on video

Relevance. Evidence against construction industry never used because it wasn't pertinent in RCMP's drug investigation

Hours of police video of Mafia backroom dealings — the sort seen in Hollywood films — was played at a public inquiry into corruption Wednesday.

The memorable scenes included the one-time don of the country's most powerful Mafia family, the late Nicolo Rizzuto, at meetings with construction-industry players where he received wads of cash and stuffed them into his socks.

Quebec's corruption inquiry has promised to examine ties between organized crime, the construction industry and the world of political-party financing.

After months of anticipation, it witnessed video evidence of financial links between the underworld and the construction world.

The images were gathered by the RCMP as part of surveillance operations in 2004 and 2005 — and they were largely ignored until now.

Construction industry bosses were seen handing cash to Rizzuto or other Mafia types; there were also scenes from a Christmas party where businessmen and senior members of the Cosa Nostra exchanged affectionate two-cheek kisses.

The scenes were gathered by cameras hidden at an east-end Montreal "social club" that served as the Mafia's headquarters. Significant amounts of cash — as much as $20,000 at a time — exchanged hands.

The Mounties fought in court to keep from sharing the evidence but Quebec's Charbonneau Commission won that court battle to access the footage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Operation Colisee

- Videos were shot during a five-year investigation that led to mass arrests in 2006 — the largest sweep against the Italian Mafia in Canadian history.
- The operation helped precipitate the decline of the Rizzuto empire, many of whose members are now in jail or dead.
- Vito Rizzuto, the most powerful member in the family when arrested in 2004, will be released from a U.S. prison Oct. 6.

Key ingredient in bath-salts drug now illegal

Alleviating confusion. The government says people shouldn't confuse the street drug's name with legitimate bath products

The federal government is banning a key ingredient found in the street drug known as bath salts.

The compound, called MDPV, will now be treated the same as cocaine or heroin.

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says the new rules make it illegal to possess, traffic, import or export the substance.

The compound can be used in legitimate research if authorized by regulation.

The minister says the decision to ban MDPV follows concerns expressed by health officials about the health and safety risks associated with its use.

Playing with your head

The bath-salts street drug is said to have mind-altering properties.

She says police and the Canada Border Services Agency are also concerned about the substance's growing popularity and availability.

The government stressed that people shouldn't confuse MDPV and its street name with legitimate bath products.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police welcomed the ban, calling it "an important step in stopping organized criminal groups from acquiring and profiting from this illegal substance."

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Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq announces during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday that additional chemicals are regulated under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

$3.1M lawsuit. Manitoba pharmacy misrepresented NIHB claims: Ottawa

A Prairie pharmacist and his former drug store face a multimillion-dollar lawsuit from the federal government over allegations they fleeced the aboriginal health-benefits plan.

A newly released report and documents filed in a Manitoba court allege Murvin Abas and Fisher Pharmacy submitted phoney claims to the Non-Insured Health Benefits program, overcharged for some products and had excessively high dispensing fees.

Ottawa is now suing Abas and the pharmacy for $3.1 million.

In a statement of claim filed in January, the government alleges Abas "fraudulently and negligently misrepresented information and claims" submitted to the NIHB program.

"Abas made the representations of false and inaccurate claims to the NIHBP fraudulently in that he knew the representations were false or he was reckless in not caring whether they were true or false and that Canada relied on the false or reckless misrepresentations in reimbursing Abas Pharmacy for the claims submitted under the NIHBP," the government alleges in its statement of claim.

None of the allegations have been proven in court, and a statement of defence has yet to be filed.

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Investigation

The claims are the latest to surface as part of a months-long investigation by The Canadian Press into alleged wrongdoing involving federal money for aboriginal health care. Those allegations include:

- **Grocery shopping.** Staff at a remote nursing station in northern Ontario allegedly authorized expensive medical flights to go grocery shopping.
- **Alleged misuse.** A New Brunswick First Nations health centre where half a million dollars that came from federal contribution agreements was allegedly misappropriated.

Sentencing

Fake cancer patient gets jail

A U.S. woman who pretended to have cancer to raise money for breast implants has been sentenced to a year in jail and three years of probation.

A court spokesman in Phoenix says 27-year-old Jami Lynn Toler was sentenced Wednesday. She had pleaded guilty to a theft charge in a plea agreement.

Police reports show Toler told her former boss she needed a double mastectomy and breast reconstruction but was uninsured. She told the same story to her mother and grandparents.

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Geneva hearings

UN confronts Canada on rights of children

United Nations officials say they're concerned vulnerable Canadian children may be falling through the cracks of a federal system that lacks accountability and a clear strategy.

In hearings in Geneva to examine Canada's adherence to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Ottawa was taken to task for incoherence about how its programs actually help kids.

The committee also slapped Canada for allowing corporal punishment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alberta's rat pack

Medicine Hat rid of giant problem

A giant rats' nest has been destroyed in a southern Alberta city fighting to get rid of the rodents.

An official in Medicine Hat says staff from the city, the county and the province got rid of an 80-metre-long nesting site at the landfill on Tuesday. Ed Jollymore says no live rats were found.

Alberta's rat-free status was put into question last month when the nest was discovered at the dump. At least 100 Norway rats have been killed by city staff.

Jollymore says it took six hours for 21 workers and two excavators to dismantle the nest. He says the "rat patrol" will continue to monitor the area and put out poison bait as part of Operation Haystack. Poisoned hay bales have been dropped around the city to try to stop the flow of vermin into neighbourhoods. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grenade launcher

Fake terrorist arrested over hoax

Phoenix police say they've arrested a man after he reportedly dressed a teen relative in a sheet and sent him into a street to aim a fake rocket-propelled grenade launcher at passing cars.

Police spokesman officer James Holmes says 39-year-old Michael D. Turley was arrested Monday on charges of knowingly giving a false impression of a terrorist act, endangerment and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Holmes said Turley filmed the teen pointing the fake grenade launcher at passing cars on July 28.

Responding police didn't make any arrests after Turley told them he was making a movie. Police made the arrest after the self-described filmmaker reportedly posted a video on YouTube that said he was testing how fast Phoenix police responded to the mock terrorist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 near misses spark safety changes at O'Hare airport

Takeoffs, landings. Runways don't intersect but are close enough that air traffic can cross paths

New air-traffic-control procedures have been put in place at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to try to eliminate the risk of midair collisions over a pair of runways, after two near misses last year raised serious concerns, federal officials said.

The planes involved in the incidents, which occurred three months apart in 2011, came within a few hundred feet of each other, according to a preliminary report released this week by the National Transportation Safety Board. No one was hurt.

Revised procedures include the extension of a warning system to automatically alert controllers if a plane is approaching to land on one runway as an aircraft is taking off on the other.

The two air-traffic controllers responsible for the runways also are now seated beside each other to better communicate. And a work station for supervisors has been removed after controllers complained it obstructed their view and forced them to yell vital information across the room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Close shaves

- The first near miss, on May 16, 2011, involved a SkyWest plane approaching one runway and an ExpressJet Airlines jet taking off on the other runway. The ExpressJet captain told investigators he saw the landing plane heading straight for his and frantically told his co-pilot to "stay low."
- The other near miss took place Aug. 8, 2011. A Chautauqua Airlines flight was landing and nearly struck a Trans State Airlines flight taking off. The Trans State's pilot said it was too late to abort their takeoff and he had to take evasive action by slightly delaying takeoff.

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Flood water creeps higher

Natalie Stroughair sandbags a taxi office in York, northern England, as the River Ouse continues to rise Wednesday following the torrential rainfalls of the past few days. People living close to the River Ouse in the York and Selby areas were bracing themselves as water levels continued to rise and the Environment Agency issued a range of flood warnings for the area. JOHN GILES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red Bull heir pays off family of victim

Vorayuth Yoovidhya is taken into custody by plain-clothes officers earlier this month after driving his Ferrari into a Bangkok cop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Common practice. Vorayuth still faces criminal charges after hitting victim with his Ferrari in Bangkok

The billionaire family of a Red Bull energy drink heir accused of killing a police officer in a hit-and-run accident paid the officer's siblings about $100,000 in a deal aimed at avoiding a civil lawsuit, police said Wednesday.

Vorayuth Yoovidhya, 27, is charged with driving a Ferrari that struck the officer and dragged his body down a Bangkok street earlier this month.

The Yoovidhya family paid the officer's siblings 3 million baht ($97,000 US) last week, police Lt. Col. Viradon Thubthimdee said. He said the settlement will protect Vorayuth from a civil lawsuit.

"We sometimes call this a 'funeral fee.' If the victim's party is satisfied with the amount of money, then they will not seek compensation through a court," Viradon said.

The payment, however, does not protect Vorayuth from criminal charges of causing death by reckless driving and fleeing to avoid arrest. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in jail and a fine of 20,000 baht ($666).

The payment from the extremely wealthy family is also unlikely to quell public outrage over the incident and an initial attempt to cover up Vorayuth's alleged involvement by arresting a bogus suspect.

The family was ranked fourth-richest in the country by Forbes magazine with a net worth of $5.4 billion.

It is not uncommon for the rich and privileged to get away with crimes in Thailand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa

Cop demoted for snooping on ex

An Ottawa police officer has been reprimanded for repeatedly accessing police databases to snoop on a former lover's partner and friends.

Staff Sgt. Lyse Fournier was demoted to the rank of sergeant for seven months after she pleaded guilty to two counts of insubordination under the Police Services Act.

Fournier admits to using the Canadian Police Information Centre and Record Management System records 169 times for non-employment-related reasons from 2005 to 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Massachusetts

State to fight sex change for killer

Officials in Massachusetts plan to appeal a judge's decision to grant a convicted murderer's request for sex reassignment surgery.

Inmate Michelle Kosilek's attorney says she has no comment because she didn't know of the appeal. Kosilek was named Robert when convicted of his wife's 1990 murder.

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled the surgery is the only adequate treatment for Kosilek's gender identity disorder, a condition he calls a "serious medical need." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not-so-basic training

Emergency responders approach a sunken car during a training exercise in Pemberton, B.C., Wednesday. Emergency personnel from across western Canada were in Pemberton to take part in a vehicles-in-water training exercise — the first of its kind in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JONATHAN HAYWARD

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Egypt newspaper chooses cartoons as response to perceived insults to Islam

Non-violent protest. Daily newspaper Al Watan says the move was 'a civilized reaction to all that has happened'

Egyptian cartoonist Khalid Abdul-Ati holds a copy of the Egyptian Al Watan daily newspaper with a two-page spread of cartoons with a headline in Arabic that reads 'nothing cracks cartoons but cartoons,' inside his office at the newspaper's headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amid outrage sparked by perceived insults to Islam, one Egyptian newspaper has decided to fight cartoons with cartoons.

Al Watan daily says it is responding to the crude caricatures published last week by a satirical Parisian weekly in kind: a series of sketches critiquing relations between the Arab world and the West.

The paper says they are a "civilized" alternative to the violent protests across the Muslim world sparked by a low-budget anti-Islam film produced in the United States.

"Nothing cracks cartoons but cartoons," said the banner splashed over the two-page spread published this week.

One drawing, captioned "Western glasses for the Islamic world," features a pair of eyeglasses framing the burning World Trade Center towers.

Another shows a flashlight wrapped in an American flag pointed at a picture of an angry turbaned man with a knife, ignoring a peaceful Muslim.

Both seem intended to suggest that the only image seen by Western audiences of the Muslim world was that of terrorism. Mohamed El Barguti, an editor at Al Watan, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the cartoons were a "model of a civilized reaction to all that has happened." The paper published the drawings to show that "burning and killing" is not the proper response to insults to Islam, he said.

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Freedom of expression

The newspaper's decision comes amid a debate over freedom of expression in both Muslim and Western countries over the reaction to the film "Innocence of Muslims."

- **Violence.** Over 50 people have been killed in violence linked to the video over the past two weeks. In Egypt, protesters breached the U.S. Embassy.
- **Provocation.** Last week, the provocative French magazine Charlie Hebdo published a set of crude cartoons playing off the film and ridiculing the violent reaction to it.
- **Response.** President Barack Obama and other Western officials have condemned the film, but said that no speech justifies the violent response.

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Uruguay legalizes abortion in a squeaker vote

Chamber of Deputies. President will allow it to become law if Senate approves; bill allows a legal abortion in first 12 weeks

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Passing by a single vote: Legislators voted 50-49 to legalize abortion in Uruguay

Legislators have voted in Uruguay by a razor-thin margin to legalize abortion.

In Latin America, where the majority of people are Roman Catholic, no country except Cuba has made abortions accessible to all women during the first trimester of pregnancy.

The vote in Uruguay's Chamber of Deputies passed just before midnight Tuesday after several lawmakers on each side of the debate said they could not in good conscience go along with their parties, and allowed substitutes to vote in their stead.

President Jose Mujica says he will allow it to become law, if the Senate approves the changes.

The Senate already has approved an even more liberal version of the landmark abortion measure.

The Chamber of Deputies' legislation would give women the right to a legal abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and decriminalize later-term abortions when the mother's life is at risk or when the fetus is so deformed that it wouldn't survive after birth. In cases of rape, abortions would be legal during the first 14 weeks.

Deputy Pablo Abdala of the opposition National Party vowed Wednesday to promote a popular referendum to overturn the law, if Mujica doesn't veto it, calling the measure a violation of human rights.

However, polls suggest many more Uruguayans favour abortion rights than oppose them.

A survey this month showed 52 per cent of Uruguayans would vote to legalize abortion if the question were put to the people, while 34 per cent would vote against it.

Cuba, which decriminalizes abortions in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy, is the only country in Latin America where legal abortion is common.

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German Catholics

Religious taxes must be paid to be in the church

Germany's top administrative court has ruled that Catholics who opt out of paying religious taxes must automatically leave the church as well.

It's a victory for the Catholic Church in Germany, which receives more than $5.14 billion annually from a surcharge of up to nine per cent on income-tax bills of Catholics. Germany's bishops said last week that believers who refuse to pay the tax won't be able to receive the sacraments.

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Indian Kashmir

Cops use batons on paramedics

Police in Indian-controlled Kashmir used batons to disperse hundreds of female paramedic students protesting recent exam results. The students were demanding their tests be rechecked after 5,000 students out of 7,000 failed.

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Remembering the Joola 10 years on

Bouquets of flowers lie in front of a sculpture of the African continent at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, following a ceremony commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 2002 Joola ferry disaster, in Dakar, Wednesday. With an official death toll of 1,863 and just 64 survivors, the Joola remains one of the deadliest disasters in maritime history.

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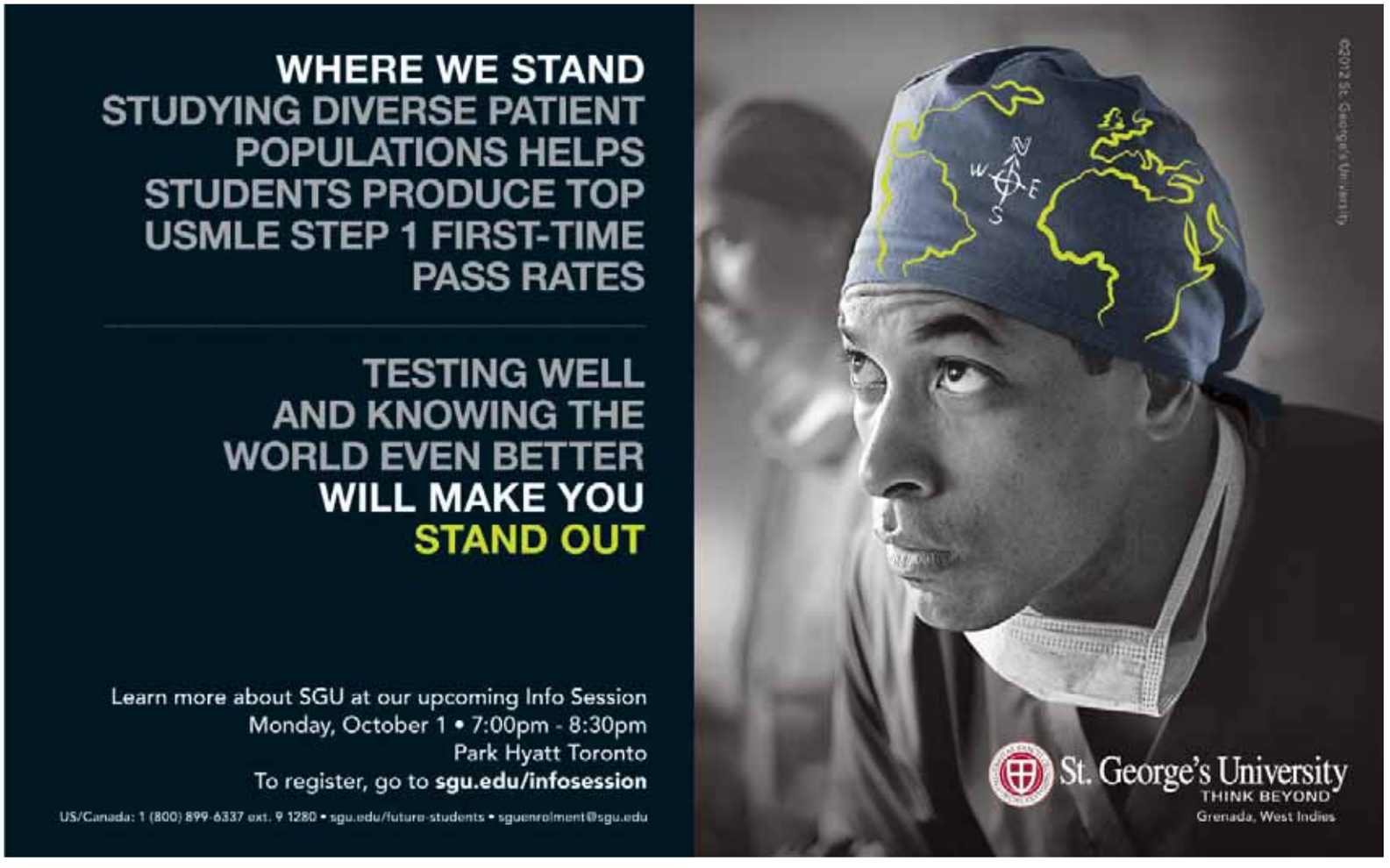
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Readership numbers. Metro keeps growing across Canada

It's official: Torontonians love their Metro. In fact, 506,600 Torontonians turn to Metro for their morning news every day, according to results released yesterday by the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank).

"These results confirm the power of the Metro brand to deliver the news youthful, active metropolitans want," says Bill McDonald, President of Metro English Canada and Publisher of Metro Toronto.

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Initial results for Metro London and Metro Winnipeg, launched in April 2011, speak to the success of the Metro brand — NADbank pegs London daily readership at 35,400 and Winnipeg at 72,700.

Results for Metro Saskatoon and Metro Regina, launched in April this year, will be available in September 2013.

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Wanna take it outside? Take it online instead

'Wisdom of the crowd.' Dispute-resolution sites provide individuals and businesses with a faster, low-cost means for settling conflicts

Nevermind telling your side of the story in court, or to your best friend. Cyber justice is starting to be dispensed to resolve civil disputes and personal disagreements. Sometimes it's left to ordinary folks to vote on winners and losers.

Take eQuibbly, for example. It lets people bring their personal and business disputes online — anything from complaints about loud music to boyfriends ogling other women to how restaurant tips should be shared.

Founder and president Lance Soskin cites the case of the ogling boyfriend and noted that people agreed with his fiancée that he should concentrate on her when they're out together.

The website eQuibbly is seen Wednesday in Montreal. It lets people bring their personal and business disputes online. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"He responded with, 'Well I gave up my porn for her' and he thought that was quite an achievement," Soskin said from Toronto. "Eventually people on the site just convinced him he was being rude and uncouth."

Participants read both sides of an argument and vote on who wins the dispute, which Soskin called "crowd voting." The web application is free to its users and does not deal with criminal cases or more serious matters like divorce.

Technology analyst Duncan Stewart said theoretically the "crowd" should be impartial. "There's this whole wisdom of the crowd thing — a million people know more than one person no matter how smart that one person is," said Stewart, director of Deloitte Canada Research for Technology, Media and Telecommunications.

Stewart said eQuibbly does what has been done informally for years and added "even things that might be settled by the courts might start being settled by the crowd because they're better."

EQuibbly has a more serious side, though, which allows individuals and businesses to agree to a debate with a binding resolution.

Soskin sees shortfalls in the justice system that online dispute resolution might solve.

"You can't go to court for a few hundred dollars," he said. "Most of the court systems in the U.S. and Canada are backlogged with thousands upon thousands upon thousands of cases."

The British Columbia government announced in May that it will set up an online tribunal to help people solve small civil claims outside court. There's also mylegalbriefcase.com, which helps guide people through Ontario's small claims court system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pork out: British farm group forecasts global shortage of bacon

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A British farming organization is predicting a worldwide shortage of bacon and pork next year.

The National Pig Association says global drought conditions are driving up the price of grain, a major staple in hog feed.

It says pig farmers around the world are selling their herds because retail prices are not rising fast enough to cover the cost of record-high pig-feed costs.

In the United States, the government has introduced a pork-buying program in a bid to keep its pig farmers in business.

And the Chinese government is putting pork into cold storage, as a buffer against shortages and high prices next year.

Iowa-based agricultural economist Steve Meyer says he expects to see record prices for pork next year.

He says high grain prices affect all meat suppliers, meaning beef, chicken and turkey supplies could also be affected.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Site makeover

MySpace revamp stars Timberlake

MySpace, the once-mighty social-network-turned entertainment site, is trying to stage yet another comeback with the help of Justin Timberlake.

The company posted a video this week that teases the New MySpace and lets people sign up for invitations to join. Based on the video, the new site looks like an entertainment-focused version of Pinterest, with a dash of Twitter and Facebook.

But Myspace has tried redesigns before to no avail, so it's not clear if the makeover will help. Timberlake, who is featured prominently in the video, will likely play a big part in the revamp.

The pop star, along with a group of other investors, bought MySpace last year from News Corp. for $35 million US, mostly in stock.

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Patrons watch the new M Channel at a McDonald's restaurant in Norwalk, Calif., earlier this month. McDonald's is testing its own TV channel in 700 California restaurants in a pilot project that could expand to all the company's restaurants. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McDonald's testing custom TV content at 700 outlets

Trial run. M Channel will have news, sports and entertainment for in-restaurant viewing

The question of the moment at 700 pioneering McDonald's restaurants: You want TV with that?

Not just any television, but the custom-made M Channel, formulated with the same attention to detail that made Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets cultural icons.

The channel's aim is to offer exclusive content to entertain customers. More ambitiously, it also intends to create promotional and sales opportunities for companies and others who want to dive into McDonald's vast customer pool.

Lee Edmondson, who has spent more than eight years developing the concept for McDonald's and years beforehand pondering it, said the fast-food chain is thinking way outside the TV box.

"It is a vision that is more than television, more than the 'passive relationship' that viewers have with gas station or supermarket TV feeds," said Edmondson, who comes from a venture-capital background.

The M channel is akin to a broadcast network with its own news, entertainment and sportscasts localized for cities and even neighbourhoods, he said. But there's more: It will supersize the experience by directing viewers online for shopping or other opportunities.

M Channel's goal is to target different audiences at different times of day and be so area-specific that a restaurant could show high school football game highlights to local fans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bombardier

Israel Railways increases order

Bombardier Transportation has received a $158-million US follow-on order from Israel Railways for 72 double-deck passenger coaches to be manufactured in Germany.

The order is part of a deal signed in 2010 when 150 coaches were ordered. The first of these improved versions of trains already in operation entered service on Dec. 1, 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Job cuts loom

IBM Argentina to lay off 500: Union

A union for workers at IBM Argentina says the company has initiated a plan to lay off 500 workers in the next few months.

The company issued a statement saying only that "change is constant in the technology industry."

The union said IBM's campus of 9,000 workers in suburban Buenos Aires would be reduced by more than five per cent under a plan seeking to avoid losses for the subsidiary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nice deal

Big payday for Yahoo's new CFO

Yahoo's new chief financial officer is getting a big raise to join the struggling Internet company.

Ken Goldman, who will become Yahoo's CFO next month, is starting out with an annual salary of $600,000 and could earn a bonus of up to $540,000, according to documents filed Wednesday. He is also getting restricted stock and stock options valued at $12 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Greece riot, Spain scare markets

Europe's fragile financial calm was shattered Wednesday as investors worried that violent anti-austerity protests in Greece and Spain showed that the region still cannot get a grip on its financial crisis and stabilize its common currency, the euro.

Police fired tear gas at rioters hurling gasoline bombs and chunks of marble Wednesday during Greece's largest anti-austerity demonstration in six months — part of a 24-hour general strike that was a test for the nearly four-month old coalition government and the new spending cuts it plans to push through.

The brief but intense clashes by a couple of hundred rioters participating in the demonstration of more than 60,000 people came a day after anti-austerity protests rocked the Spanish capital, Madrid.

Hundreds of Spanish anti-austerity protesters gathered again Wednesday, ending near parliament in Madrid amid a heavy presence of riot police. In Tuesday's protest, police arrested 38 people and 64 were injured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steaks cause Edmonton E. coli outbreak

Steaks sold at an Edmonton Costco store that are part of a health hazard alert about possible E. coli contamination are from the XL Foods plant involved in an extensive recall of ground beef.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says several people have become ill after eating Kirkland brand strip loin grilling steaks purchased at Costco's 50th Street outlet in Edmonton.

CFIA spokesman Tim O'Connor said the steaks were from meat that was slaughtered at the XL Foods plant in Brooks, Alta. He said what isn't clear yet is where the meat was tainted.

"The recalled steaks were produced by XL Foods. At this point we don't know definitively where the E. coli contamination occurred," he said.

"There is a lot of variables between where it would have been slaughtered and retail. Where was it further processed. What other products could it have come in contact with between slaughter and retail."

Alberta Health Services has been investigating eight cases of E. coli, including four in Edmonton, three in Calgary and one in central Alberta. An Alberta Health Services official was to give an update Wednesday afternoon, including four cases AHS says have been linked to the Kirkland brand steaks.

Since Sept. 16, the CFIA has issued at least seven recall alerts for XL Foods Inc. ground beef.

Canada revoked the plant's permit to export beef to the U.S. on Sept. 13 at the request of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The CFIA alert issued Wednesday morning warns people not to eat the brand of steak sold in the Edmonton Costco because it may be contaminated with E. coli. THE CANADIAN PRESS

XL Foods' advice

- **What if I have product that is part of the voluntary recall?** Please return the product to the retailer where you purchased it. Or call 866-467-1514.
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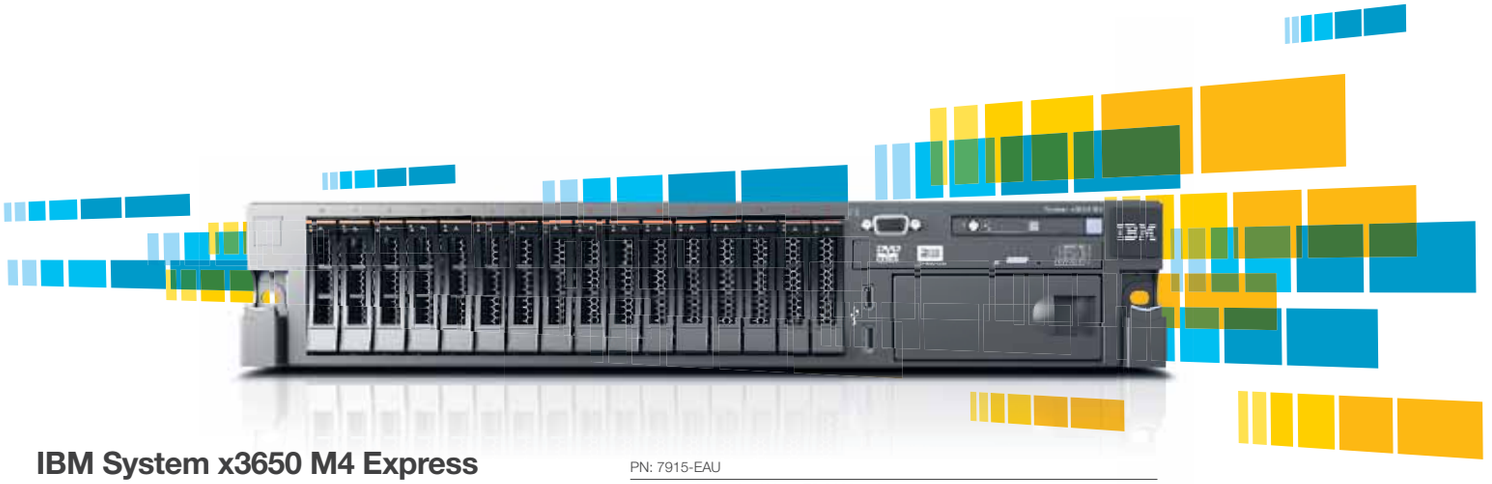

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A (BLOODY) THUMB GOES UP, A CAR GOES BY...

HE SAYS... John Mazerolle metronews.ca

After years of hitchhiking, my biggest tip is to never thumb with a bloody hand.

You might think that's stupid advice, perhaps suitable for some creature that doesn't even have opposable thumbs (which is why dogs so rarely hitchhike).

But, trust me, it's important.

Recently I've been hitchhiking Iceland, the country that leads the world in tourist spots that can actively kill you. (Typical sign: Welcome! Beware of steam explosions!)

I was on the one-lane "highway" heading from some death-by-ice attraction to some death-by-fire one, and several cars passed me. Not a big deal, but I decided to do my mental hitchhiking checklist.

- Standing where visible but too difficult to hit for points? Good.
- Eyes conveying 'Don't hate me, I'm not American'? Check.
- Looking outdoorsy but not serial-killersy? Whoops.

This is when I noticed my hand. A hangnail — throbbing from cold weather and gushing from a blood disorder I have — meant my right hand had gone all Carrie White. I looked like maybe I had pulled a Temple of Doom on one of the sheep wandering the roadside.

Hitchin' a ride

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I did have a first aid kit with me, but I forgot the first rule of first aid: Remember that you have a first aid kit with you.

Instead, I followed my memory from Boy Scouts and put a wet, woolen glove over top of it, which is probably what they would recommend. I'm not sure because I quit during Beavers.

After performing the medical equivalent of putting duct tape over the 'service engine' light, somebody eventually stopped. I don't think the driver was unnerved when he heard, "Don't be alarmed but there's a lot of blood on my hand." The nervous giggle afterward may have given him pause, though.

Thankfully it all worked out. It always does.

People are always talking about how dangerous hitchhiking is, and the travel book I brought — the offices of which are clearly ringed by rabid lawyers — goes so far as to say hitchhiking is 'not rewarding.' Of course hitchhiking has its dangers, but it seems a paranoid stance in a place where you're encouraged to swim in fault lines and volcanoes.

Hitching is one of the best ways to meet locals, it's cheap, and it's like love — when you find what you were looking for, you forget instantly about the long wait that came before.

Maybe the best thing about hitchhiking is that it's much easier than it seems. It's rare that something so easy to do elicits such instant wonder in people who never try it.

But the secret's out now, I suppose, so if you've never considered it before feel free to sully your virgin thumb. Get a written sign if you like, stand in a straightaway where drivers have enough time to decide to stop, and wear bright colours for safety's sake. I find a nice blood red really catches the eye.

Rule of thumb: Conceal the blood. ISTOCK

Who's at the wheel?

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Google auto

Driverless car gets green light

A driverless car is seen at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google has been developing autonomous car technology and lobbying for the regulations for years.

The company says autonomous cars can make roads safer, free commuters from the drudgery of driving and reduce congestion.

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Legislation paves way for technology

Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation earlier this week that will pave the way for driverless cars in California.

The legislation requires the California Department of Motor Vehicles to draft regulations for autonomous vehicles by Jan. 1, 2015. Currently, state law doesn't mention self-driving cars because the technology is so new.

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- Autonomous cars use computers, sensors and other technology to operate independently, but a "driver" can override the autopilot function any time.
- The regulations would allow vehicles to operate autonomously, but a licensed driver would still need to sit behind the wheel to serve as a backup operator.

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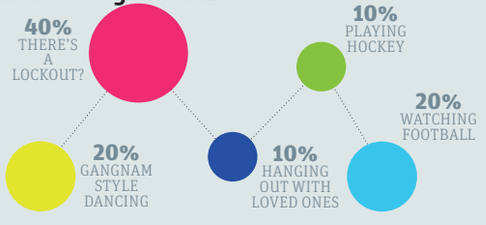

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@chorkins: Wait. The Cons Status of Women minister voted FOR the anti-abortion motion? W over HALF of caucus & a THIRD of cabinet. Not cool. #cdnpoli

@alissagolob: Interesting to read all the attacks by feminsists on @MinRonaAmbrose when she stands 4 somethng they don't agree with. Very 'prowoman' #NOT

@bearsinlove: Guys, I just have so many Justin Trudeau feelings right now. WHEN CAN I VOTE??

@t_kocur: If you believe the children are our future, well, you need to meet the young boy who just walked into a plate-glass window in my building

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In the cutthroat and ever-shrinking world of indie record labels, 10 years is a heck of a long time. So it's appropriate then, that local outlet Paper Bag Records is unabashedly celebrating its decade of existence with a three-night blowout at the Great Hall.

"I'm anxious to get this thing going," says Trevor Larocque, who co-founded the label in 2002. He started brainstorming ideas for the party last year, coming up with his dream bill. Bands jumped at the opportunity and soon Larocque's dreams became a reality. "Everyone wanted to be a part of it," he says. "I got what I wanted."

What Larocque didn't want was to highlight the label's past. Paper Bag cut its teeth releasing seminal albums from local bands like Broken Social Scene and Stars. But as those groups' stars grew, so did their ambitions and they outgrew the fledging label. Larocque admits he did try to coax local dance rockers controller.controller back together for the three night, 14 band event. But he wants to "focus on what's happening now." Fittingly, the celebration features almost every act currently on the Paper Bag Roster and all proceeds go to local music education charity Musicounts.

Larocque was able to convince Vancouver dance rockers You Say Party! out of "indefinite hiatus." The group lost their drummer Devon Clifford two and a half years ago after he collapsed onstage. Rather than replace him behind the kit, the band, now a four piece (five if you include pregnant singer Becky Ninkovic's unborn child) will perform with a drum machine.

And in keeping with Larocque's desire to focus on the now, the group have already gotten back into the studio and laid down new material. "As soon as they told me they'd do it, they got right back into it," he says. "The worlds aligned."

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Thursday

Elliot Brood: Local live favourites. Don't forget to bring your pots and pans.

Born Ruffians: Perpetually catchy local indie crew.

Woodhands: Toronto electro-pop duo.

The Acorn: Folk-tinged Ottawa indie rockers.

Luke LaLonde: Born Ruffians frontman. Paper Bag releases solo debut later this year.

Friday

Rural Alberta Advantage: Local indie rock trio (don't let the name fool you).

Cuff the Duke: Blue Rodeo approved alt-country rockers.

PS I Love You: Two- piece riff rockers.

Yamantaka//Sonic Titan: Toronto by way of Montreal Noh Wave rockers are the label's latest signing.

Slim Twig: Genre-bending retro-ist.

Saturday

Austra: Indie dance project from local chanteuse Katie Stelmanis.

You Say Party!: Reunited party rockers. Expect new material soon.

Young Galaxy: Montreal electro-tinged space rock trio.

The Luyas: Montreal based group of Canadian indie rock lifers.

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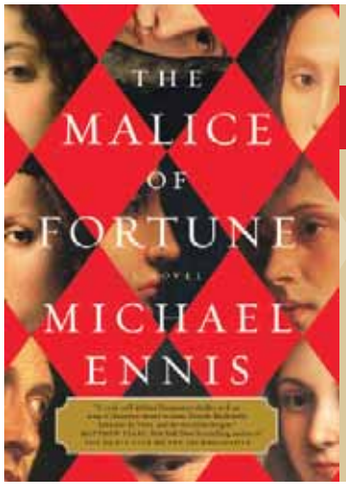

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Harmonic convergence at Crossroads

Country music meets folk-rock resurgence. Emmylou Harris, Mumford & Sons make sweet music on popular TV show

Emmylou Harris loves Mumford & Sons for a special reason.

"They're making the banjo respectable, which is not an easy feat, and I'm so glad it's finally happening," Harris joked.

Harris, an iconic singer and member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, and Mumford & Sons, platinum-selling lads from London who have sparked a folk-rock resurgence, are joining together to explore their shared love of high harmony, sad songs and, yes, the oft-belittled banjo on an episode of CMT Crossroads on Thursday night.

The Nashville-based Harris had only briefly met lead singer Marcus Mumford before agreeing to do the show based on the waves they created in the music world. They co-ordinated song choices by phone and got together to rehearse for a little more than a day before recording the show earlier this month.

It was a crash course in catalogue consumption and the chance to get to know each other.

"They're great harmony (singers) and they've got this great driving groove with a minimalist instrumentation," Harris said. "But they just sound good and the songs have beautiful melodies and I love harmonizing on them."

She said it proves her theory that music is going to keep reinventing itself in good ways.

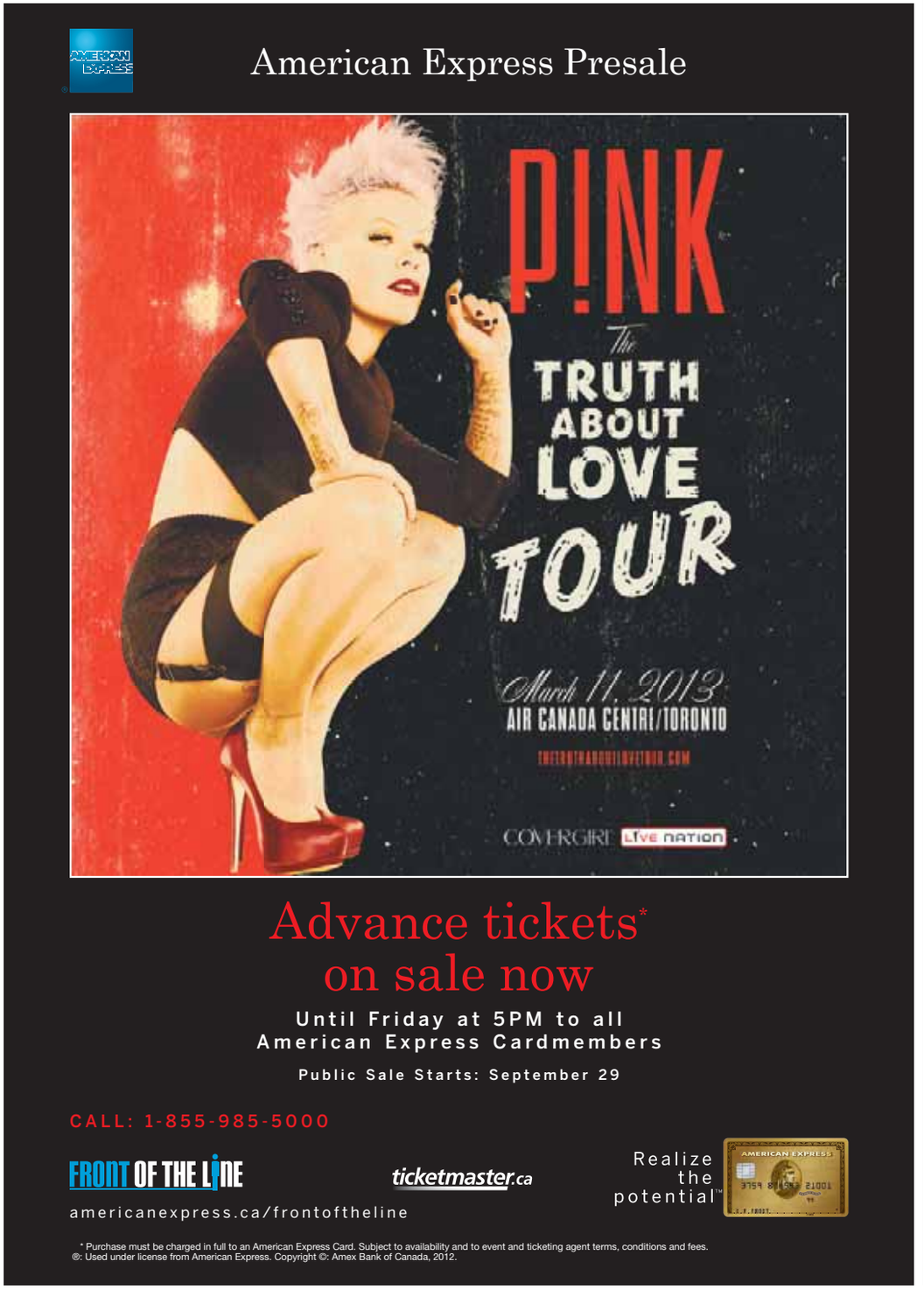
CMT Crossroads stars Mumford & Sons, Country Winston Marshall, Ben Lovett, Marcus Mumford and Ted Dwane with Emmylou Harris . RICK DIAMOND/ GETTY IMAGES

"You don't have to repeat the past. We learn from the past, but we have to come forward with something different and there are just so many different combinations to make good music that touches people," she said.

Harris, 65, was among the gateway artists who helped Mumford and bandmates Ben Lovett, Ted Dwane and Winston Marshall discover their love for American roots music. It started with the O Brother, Where Art Thou? soundtrack. Harris appeared with Gillian Welch and Alison Krauss on the memorable song Didn't Leave Nobody but the Baby. That eventually led them to the Old Crow Medicine Show and then deep immersion in old-timey sounds from America's long-neglected past. They ran across Harris' imprint many times along the way, and with the help of dobro master Jerry Douglas, they help explore that legacy on the show.

"Pretty much every song that Emmylou has sung on is my favourite song of whichever artist she sang with," Mumford said. "I'm like an obsessive Emmylou Harris freak and I'm not ashamed."

In turn, the quartet has helped shine a light on the influence Harris and the extensive roots underground still exerts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Songstress takes travel and touring to a musical level

The Absence. Melody Gardot's new album is a testament to her lifestyle — being on the go and keeping it simple

LINDA LABAN
Metro New York

Melody Gardot doesn't live out of a suitcase. She lives out of three. Not just when she's travelling — which is much of the time — but all the time. That's all her stuff.

It's not about minimalism; it's about space for life rather than space for stuff, a theme that's at the root of her latest record, The Absence.

"There's a notion that absence is lonely, but it doesn't have to be," says Gardot.

"I've spent so much time in Portugal in recent years; I'm always coming and going so often that someone told me that it's like I never leave. I'm never really absent. My memory is there."

It's a nothing-is-empty theory that the 27-year-old jazz singer and songwriter thinks holds true in music.

"Sometimes when you don't fill up by playing every note, the music is more beautiful and often has more value."

Gardot says that for now she has every material thing she needs.

"I am a practicalist," says the singer, who grew up in Philadelphia.

"I have one jacket for the cold, one for the rain, shoes that are closed, shoes that are open. My essentials are a bit more than they would be on a desert island. But that's because I have to get ready for shows."

Another bonus to not having a home is not having household chores.

"I definitely don't like to clean the house. The good thing about living in a hotel is that you go out and come back later and someone's cleaned your room."

Gardot doesn't think absence is a lonely idea and with her travel schedule it's a good rule to live by. GETTY IMAGES

Wholesome notes

Finding therapy in the kitchen.

- **Home sweet home.** One thing Gardot misses about not having a home is cooking. She says that eating a macrobiotic, organic diet helped her body heal after an accident in 2003 — she was hit by a car whose driver shot through a red light — left her with brain and spinal injuries.

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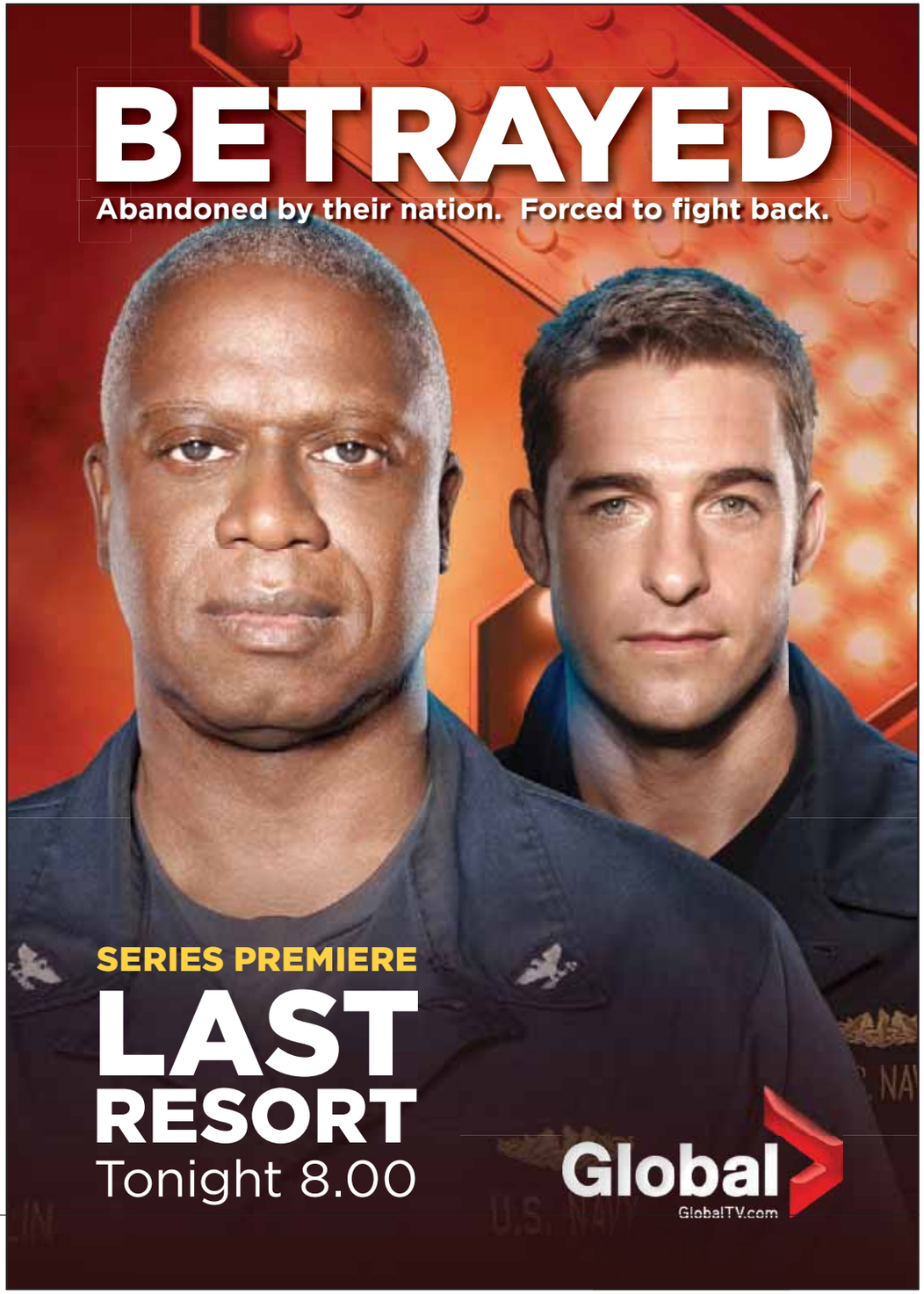

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Five facts on J.K. Rowling's new book

The Casual Vacancy. British author's first foray into adult fiction is expected to top the best-sellers list, despite her uncertainty

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Today marks the release of J.K. Rowling's The Casual Vacancy, her first book since the mega success of the Harry Potter franchise and her first foray into adult fiction. But details on the novel have been maddeningly hard to come by. Here's what we do know:

1. The plot is sprawling — and centres around death and politics

From what little information about the actual content of The Casual Vacancy that has been released, we know the story kicks off with the death of one Barry Fairbrother, a town council member in a seemingly perfect English village that's actually brimming with resentment and discord. The resulting election drama deals in class warfare, prostitution, heroin addiction and scandal — very un-Potter-like themes.

Quoted

"...If everyone says, 'Well, that's shockingly bad — back to wizards with you,' then obviously I won't be throwing a party. But I will live."
J.K Rowling

2. Hardly anyone has read it.

As interviewer Decca Aitkenhead notes in her profile of Rowling for the Guardian, even the novel's publishers hadn't been allowed to read it at the time of her interview — and Aitkenhead had to sign a raft of nondisclosure forms just to get her hands on it.

3. She's not worried about bad reviews.

"I just needed to write this book. I like it a lot, I'm proud of it, and that counts for me," Rowling tells the Guardian. But still: "The worst that can happen is that everyone says, 'Well, that was dreadful, she should have stuck to writing for kids,' and I can take that. SO, yeah. I'll put it out there, and if everyone says, 'Well, that's shockingly bad — back to wizards with you,' then obviously I won't be throwing a party. But I will live."

4. She doesn't look back on her teen years fondly.

Despite making a fortune chronicling a fantastical adolescence, Rowling didn't quite enjoy her youth — spent in an area very much like the fictitious town featured in The Casual Vacancy. In fact, she based the troubled teens featured in the novel on her own experiences and friends. "This was very much me vividly remembering what it was like to be a teenager, and it wasn't a particularly happy time in my life," she tells the Guardian. "In fact, you couldn't give me anything to make me go back to being a teenager. Never. No, I hated it."

5. Shockingly, it's expected to sell well.

Before its release, The Casual Vacancy spent more than 80 days in the top 100 of Amazon.com's sales ranks, hovering near the top as this week drew closer, and the book has already received more than 1 million pre-orders in the U.K. British bookseller Waterstones expects The Casual Vacancy to be "the best-selling fiction title this year."

J.K. Rowling ventures into adult themes like warfare, prostitution, heroin addiction and scandal in her new book. DEBRA HURFORD BROWN.

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Mindy Kaling brings a new look to CityTv with her show The Mindy Project. HANDOUT

Modern woman telling modern world stories

Unlucky in love OB-GYN. The Mindy Project brings a fresh take on relations with a new sitcom on CityTv

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

Mindy Kaling proved herself a likable dreamer with her best-selling collection of memoir-like humour essays, Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns), and in her role as the ditzy romantic, Kelly, on The Office.

She brings her unapologetic take on the modern young woman to CityTv as creator and star of The Mindy Project, following a dedicated OB-GYN (Kaling) who is way more successful in the operating room than the bedroom. We sat down with Kaling and focused on the positives — like getting her own show.

Tell us why the great at her job, terrible at love device in the show isn't cliché.

The thing that I learned from The Office is (storytelling is about) execution. I want to see two people fall in love. I want to see two people learn how to be better people. It's old-fashioned, but I feel like that's the kind of stories that people want to see, and they want it so badly, they'll even see it when it's terrible.

Need to know

She has been working on this for a long time.

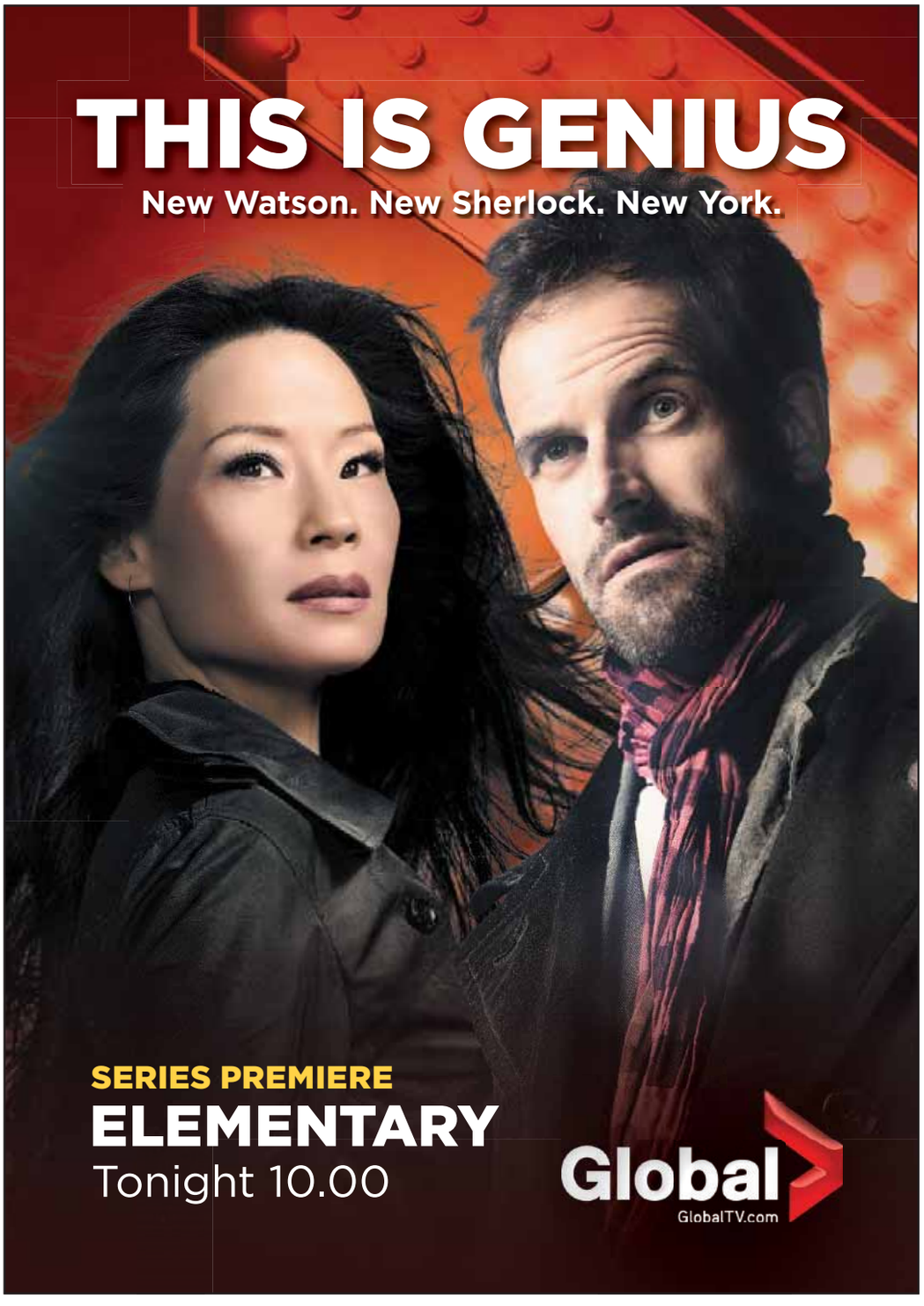
- **When does it air?** You can find it on CityTv and airs on Tuesdays.

But it's more than that, no?

How to balance work and personal life, that's the single biggest issue that my friends talk about. Somebody might think it's cliché; then my life is a cliché.

Chris Messina plays Mindy's co-worker and complete opposite — but it's not hard to see where sparks might one day fly between the two. So, how about setting up a potential love interest right from the start. Why did you go that route?

I wanted to (set up) people who are different from each other. (Chris' character) doesn't believe in marriage, he's kind of cynical — it's fun to do that kind of storytelling. Plus, I love looking at him. Maybe that's sexist.



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Lucy Liu Watson stars in Elementary, a new show that airs on Global.
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Other new shows you don't want to miss

AMBER M RAY
Metro World News

What else is on TV that may pique your interest this fall? Add these shows to your regular rotation of viewing if you're looking for something new.

Elementary
Jonny Lee Miller is Sherlock and Lucy Liu Watson in this update on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective.
Premieres tonight at 10 on Global

Beauty and the Beast
This is less Disney and more monster soap opera of the '80s.

The CW version is considered a reboot of the Beauty and the Beast fairy tale starring Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman, with Kristin Kreuk and Jay Ryan playing modern takes on the Catherine and Vincent characters.

Kreuk is an NYPD detective who has crossed paths with Ryan's mysterious doctor in the past — in his "creature" state, he once saved her life.

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Homicide star returning to television with Last Resort

Military thriller. A rogue submarine captain finds himself on the run from the U.S. army after a major missile incident

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Veteran actor Andre Braugher returns to TV with Last Resort, an intriguing military thriller about a submarine captain who questions an order to launch nuclear missiles at Pakistan — only to have his sub fired upon by his own country. Braugher's Capt. Chaplin and crew seek refuge on an island in French Polynesia, making a stand against the country they used to fight for.

Toward the end of the first episode, Scott Speedman's character compliments your character for delivering a message with "just the right amount of crazy." What is the right amount of crazy?

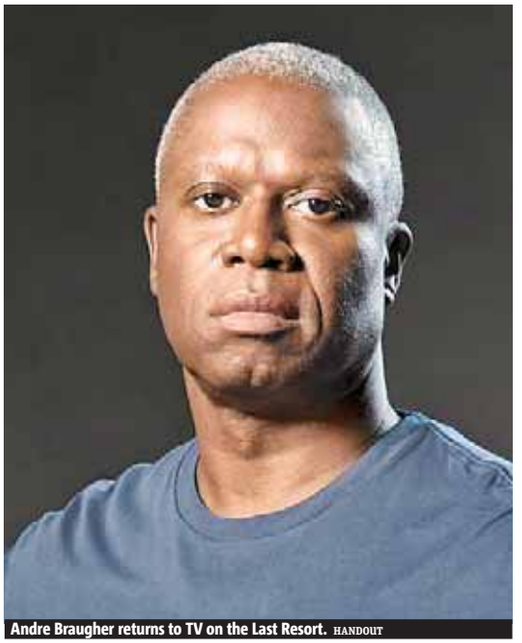
You know, I don't think he's crazy, but he's in grief, and grieving people do crazy things. He's lost a wife, we learn that he's lost a son. He's lost everything he thought he was because he wasn't willing to kill potentially innocent people. And now he's a traitor. And he's grieving and he's betrayed. Part of it is a game and part of it is true. Part of it is a mask and part of it is truth, you know? So I don't know. I don't know from moment to moment exactly how crazy he is. I know that there's a wily trickster aspect to Chaplin. It's like a Jenga game. He's the kind of guy who knows which blocks to pull in order to either maintain or collapse. Crazy? Maybe, I don't know.

What made you want to come onboard with this show and play this character?
He's a complicated man who wants to do things in the right way — and not because he's persnickety but because there are lives at stake. One of things that's most important to the show-runners as well as to me is that these are not some closet peaceniks who decided, 'Well, now that we have a shoot order, we're going to disobey it.' If this order had come through the right way, they would've launched the missiles without delay. I was intrigued by his desire to do things right and to be judged credibly by history rather than be the guy who killed a million people because he didn't have enough balls to ask the right questions.

The premise puts your character in a pretty high-pressure, precarious situation. How will the show sustain itself for an entire season like that?
Well, there's the enemy without and the enemy within. I don't know from which episode to which episode it will be. Our human nature is going to exert itself, and how we're going to reorganize ourselves — I don't know who's going to live and who's going to die. Sam (played by Speedman) and I are eventually going to be at odds because we're thinking differently about the world. It's difficult to live with a man who has nothing to lose because the potential for him giving shocking orders rises because there's nobody on the other end.

Have you given any thought to putting down roots in Hawaii, where the show shoots?
We're definitely not putting down roots. I mean, I've got one boy in high school and one boy in grade school, and so my wife is holding down the fort in New Jersey. And until this is definitively a smash hit, nobody's moving. That's just the way it is. Ideally, this is going to be an eight-month gig this year in doing the 22 episodes, but as it stands right now it's basically just one 5,000-mile commute.

So now it's the week of the show's premiere. What's this week like for you?
I'm hoping for an enthusiastic response, but like any nervous parent, I'm waiting for the event.



Andre Braugher returns to TV on the Last Resort. HANDOUT

New television show

Where can you find it and when does the show kickoff?

- **New series.** The Last Resort premieres tonight on Global TV.
- **Good reception.** While a show can hardly be considered a hit before it has even aired, the early reviews of it have been strong. But Braugher and the cast are resisting celebrating before they see the ratings.

Don't hate him for being the Bachelor

Looking for love. Former CFL player Brad Smith just wants to find the right woman — with whom he can build a life

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
Metro Vancouver

Brad Smith doesn't care if you hate on him for choosing to search for love in a different way.

The former CFL wide receiver-turned-first Bachelor Canada just wants to find someone to start his life with.

"When you go in and see 25 girls, you're not looking to love all 25," Smith said Wednesday.

"You're just looking for that one who's going to be with you until the end and that's all that matters."

"You just have to be in the best situation to know yourself and what works for you so you can find that person," he added.

"If she's not there, then don't pick anybody."

The show hasn't even started yet, but the 28-year-old already has his fair share of haters and critics.

"I don't care (about) being made fun of or chirped," he said.

"I understand that comes with the ground. People are just naturally not going to like the fact that you've chosen to do this because they don't believe in it."

But he adds that there are twice as many who are totally behind him in his quest for love on a reality TV show, including his family (his dad is former CFL commissioner and senator Larry Smith) and his CFL buddies.

"I've got almost half of the Edmonton Eskimos team that are going to go my buddy's house to watch it every Wednesday night just because they're so excited," he said.

"They can make fun all they want, but they'll be there to support you. That's what boys are for."

The show won't be without the usual hot tub moments and kissing sessions, and Smith admits it'll be an "intensely awkward situation" for his parents to watch.

"But they understand that it's part of the process and they're cool with it," he said.

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"When you go in and see 25 girls, you're not looking to love all 25. You're just looking for that one who's going to be with you until the end and that's all that matters."

Canada's Bachelor Brad Smith, former CFL wide receiver for the Edmonton Eskimos

Survey says

A new survey from Match.com, an online dating site, reveals that, unlike the 25 lucky ladies who will be battling for the heart of the Bachelor Canada, less than one in 10 Canadian women would go on a reality series to find love. In fact, most single Canucks (45 per cent) believe a first date on national television would be the most intimidating type of romantic rendezvous. Match.com dove into their vault of Canadian data to determine which contestant is most likely to win Brad's heart — at least according to statistics.

- **Blondes rule.** Single Canadian chaps (41 per cent) prefer flaxen-haired females over brunettes and redheads, and 46 per cent of men prefer women who have "medium" length hair. Lucky for the brown-haired Bachelor, the opposite is true of Canadian women. The majority of single ladies (54 per cent) swoon over brown-haired men.
- **No jock love.** The football-playing Bachelor might not be so fortunate in the job department. Only seven per cent of single Canadian women think being an athlete is an attractive profession. Those contestants that are in the medical field or are self-employed may have a leg up; these are the two sexiest professions, according to single Canadian men.
- **Singles still believe.** An overwhelming 76 per cent of Canadian singles believe in soul mates.

And in America...

The next U.S. Bachelor is Sean Lowe, a former Kansas State linebacker. HANDOUT

ABC says the next star of The Bachelor will be Sean Lowe, who was dumped on The Bachelorette. The network says the 28-year-old Dallas businessman will be the one doing the choosing when The Bachelor returns for its 17th edition. On the eighth edition of The Bachelorette, Lowe confessed his love for Emily Maynard but was eliminated just before the finale. ABC says Lowe is ready to look for love again. The 6-foot-3 Texan was a linebacker for Kansas State and worked in finance and insurance before starting a custom furniture business. The Bachelor returns in January.

Details

- **The Bachelor Canada.** Premieres Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 9 p.m. EST/PT on Citytv. (Following the premiere, the series moves to its regular time slot Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. EST/PST, beginning October 10.

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GO's Art Train railcar has been travelling the GO system since it launched in June, but those who may have missed it will get their chance to experience this unique fusion of transit and art at Scotiabank Nuit Blanche; it will be parked and on display with on-board docents at Union Station after sundown on Sept. 29 until 2 a.m.

The Art Train won't be the only GO Train out for Nuit Blanche. GO is running extra train service on most of its GO Train lines, including later trains for those taking advantage of the late-night event.

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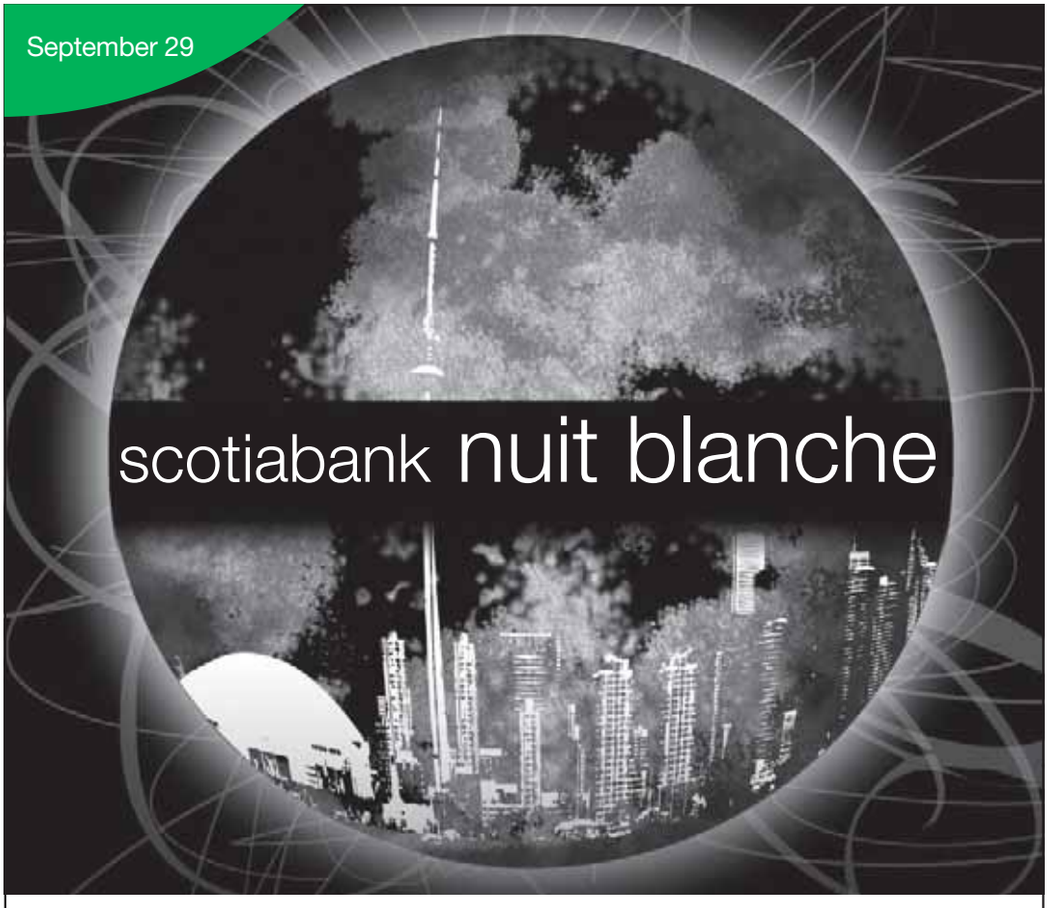

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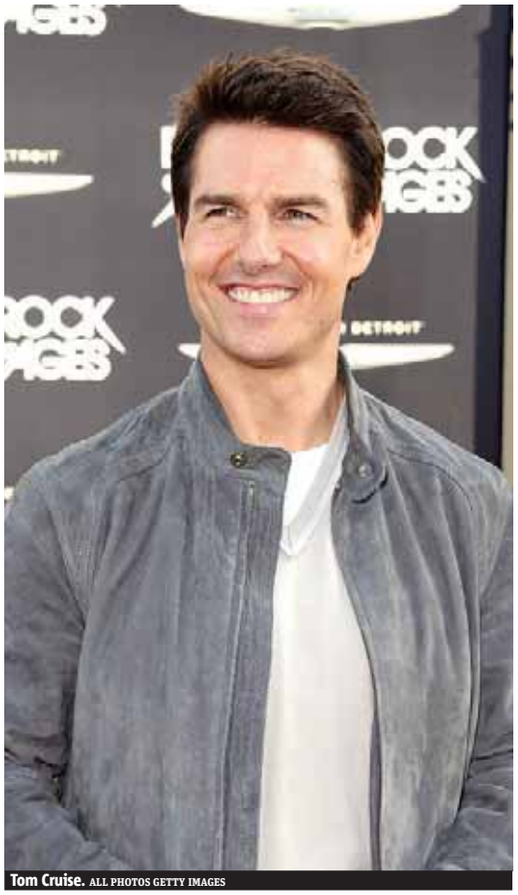

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Tom Cruise struggling with divorce

Tom Cruise is reportedly struggling with the stress of a busy work schedule that's keeping him in London and his daughter, Suri, living with soon-to-be ex-wife Katie Holmes in New York.

"I've got to see her," an emotional Cruise reportedly told a friend recently, according to People magazine. "I miss her."

Cruise last spent time with his 6-year-old daughter on August 5, and a mid-September trip to London for the girl was reportedly called off.

Still, despite the struggle for face-time, the actor is still keeping his daughter as a priority.

"I can tell you that I haven't had a meeting with Tom that was not interrupted by a phone call with his daughter," his friend, screenwriter Christopher McQuarrie said.

Quote

"I've got to see her. I miss her."

Tom Cruise
Talking about his daughter.

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The Word

Reality television plots not real; sky still blue

THE WORD
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The new issue of Us Weekly has a very entertaining cover story on how Bachelorette stars Emily Maynard and Jef Holm are faking their engagement.

I know, I know, It's hard to believe that two fame junkies pretended to be together on a rigged reality TV show to gain attention, but stay with me here.

Apparently, Holm's former girlfriend and current hook-up buddy (whom he was dating when he went on The Bachelorette) went into tell-all mode to Us Weekly.

The ex, Kaylee Shepherd, says that Holm revealed to her that he and Maynard are faking it. In August, a texting scandal hit — Maynard was caught sexting with another man, which Us Weekly, the Woodward and Bernstein of tabloids, uncovered.

Maynard, desperate to preserve her good girl image, hatched a plan to pay off Holm with half of her Bachelorette money.

"Jef said their relationship isn't what it seems. It's all basically for TV," Shepherd tells Us.

It's all basically for TV?

You don't say. Next thing you know, you'll be telling me some actors and actresses get plastic surgery and take too many prescription drugs in order to fill the dark void that being famous created. Stop ruining my happy place, Us Weekly.

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Pattinson moving back in with Stewart

It looks like the reconciliation between Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson is complete, as Pattinson has reportedly moved back into the Los Angeles home they share, according to Us Weekly.

"They are living together and have reconciled," a source says, explaining that the pair recently "had a dramatic make-up."

But their relationship may still be on shaky ground in the wake of Stewart's cheating scandal, as the source says Pattinson "is extra-sensitive now. He's insecure."

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Stars put their spin on LA style and make it look livable

Mamma mia, Milan!

Drawing inspiration from Art Nouveau, vintage cinema, the streets of Sicily and the '60s, designers who debuted their wears at Milan Fashion Week made us pine for a sparkling spring to come

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Roberto Cavalli

Roberto Cavalli's strong references to swirly Art Nouveau prints could be read as a homage to female beauty. The impressive all-white opening — which included a short sleeve crocodile jacket, embroidered lace tunic, draped fringe pants, a crisply tailored jacket and trousers — was the perfect primer for the decadently intricate collection that followed. The silhouettes were sophisticated, clean, elongated, flowy and, as is customary with Cavalli, tastefully racy.

Moschino

For SS13, Moschino's Rossella Jardini drew inspiration from a patchwork of two films, namely Casino and Two for the Road. The result: everything went minimal from geometric lines to strong graphic elements. For colour, the brand references its iconic black-and-white combo and for brights pays homage to the colourful textiles of Ken Scott, a textile designer who lived in Italy for many years. There was a nod to the '60s too, with dress coats, cutout dresses, cropped trouser suits, trompe l'oeil shirt dresses, and bold stripes.

Versace

Donatella Versace showed a collection of strong tailoring and lingerie dressing in a colour palette of black, orange, blue, turquoise and nude. Classic menswear-inspired blazers were softened to a relaxed fit and adorned with lace inserts and cutouts. Slip dresses in crushed silk or tie-dye came slashed and held together with crisscross lacing, which also appeared on ultra-cool skinny trousers. For evening, sweeping chiffon gowns embellished with silver and gold fringing will surely sizzle on the red carpets.

Dolce & Gabbana

Have you ever been to Taormina in Sicily? No? Well, let Dolce & Gabbana take you there with their fun and colourful Spring 2013 collection. The duo took the audience from the Sicilian street theaters: wheelbarrows, elaborate wheels and Caltagirone ceramic heads to sun-drenched beaches with trendy beach umbrella and sunbed-style stripe pieces arriving in organza, rough, printed cotton, gold brocade and even Sicilian basket-esque raffia skirts and bustiers.

Giorgio Armani

Luminous and optimistic: the opening silk pearl-grey looks, all shown with trousers (wide and straight leg), arrived as a cloud's metaphorical silver lining. White shorts styled with soft-fitted jackets are unexpected but are nevertheless a special touch to this dressy collection. However, it was the evening wear that was gushingly beautiful with sparkly sequin beaded palazzo pants, shifts, jumpsuits, long-skirts, suits and dresses, to name but a few.

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What she's wearing
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@Jeanne_Beker
Agreed! But there are times we all get stuck, no?

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At its best, yes. True. But I still do continually see people getting hung up on it.

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Stars slip into perfect pair, Stuart style

Feet of the famous.

Guru of shoe Stuart Weitzman pairs with big names to design lavish loafers for cause

When you are a hot young starlet in Hollywood, you often get what you want. For Nikki Reed, that meant goose-bump calf-skin, and for Chloe Grace Moretz, it was a menswear-inspired design. They are two of the celebrities to work with footwear designer Stuart Weitzman to craft shoes to their specs to help raise money for ovarian cancer research.

Weitzman has a long history of working with stars, and he finds many of them to be "frustrated fashion designers."

"It doesn't surprise me when they

make requests or have ideas. They have a desire to create what they wear and what they look like," said Weitzman. "It would be surprising to me if they didn't want to have more input and try design."

The Young Hollywood Cares collection was co-designed this year by Moretz, Reed, Brooklyn Decker, Julianne Hough and AnnaSophia Robb.

Father gets fancy

"She told me as a kid, she would wear her father's wingtips and oxfords. ... And she wanted to make a shoe like her dad's that was sexy, high and wearable."
Stuart Weitzman on Chloe Moretz's shoe-spiration

Weitzman recalled Moretz's inspiration: "She told me as a kid, she would wear her father's wingtips and oxfords. ... And she wanted to make a shoe like her dad's that was sexy, high and wearable."

Other styles include Decker's gold metallic cap-toe black multistrap ankle boots, and Robb's black pony-hair stiletto pumps with burgundy satin piping.

This is the second round of collaborations, following last year's successful fundraising effort of $80,000, which was done without much promotion or publicity, Weitzman said.

"I want to be more visible," he said. "I have learned it's hard to ask people for money and it's harder to get them to give it, but if you have fun and make some noise, you can rattle it. You'll buy something, even if it costs a little more, but why not for a good cause?"

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Brad makes Mark on Canadian fashion

Goreski gets to Work. Rachel Zoe's protege ventures out on his own and finds a fashionable fit in his homeland

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Brad Goreski strikes a pose in front of an outfit he helped to style at the new Mark's store at Bay and Dundas on Tuesday, Sept. 25. GEOFFREY KNOTT

He's made his Hollywood rounds as a stylist to starlets Jessica Alba, Cameron Diaz, Demi Moore and Kim Kardashian, but we're happy to have Brad Goreski return to his Canadian roots. The star of Bravo reality show It's a Brad Brad World is helping to lend some of his signature pizzazz to a line once known primarily for its practicality.

How did your collaboration with Mark's (formerly Mark's Work Wearhouse) come about?
Mark's came to me. I really like to choose to work with people that make sense for me. And this really feels right. To work with such an iconic Canadian brand, especially one that's changing so much and evolving with their customer, it felt right.

Do you think Canadians have influenced the style of our southern neighbours in any way?
I feel like Canadian style has seeped into American culture, especially into the west coast. And what I mean by that is the amount of flannel, the amount of denim-on-denim... I used to get made fun of all the time for wearing it and now it's one of the huge trends. There are a lot of similarities — there's a laid back chicness to both. I think comfort is always key. Definitely in L.A. All of my clients ask me when I tell them to try on a pair of heels, 'are they going to be comfortable?' and I'm like 'no, they're high heels, they have a stiletto on them.'

What's one 'must-have' and one 'must-get-rid-of' in the closet of every man?
I think every guy should have a denim shirt. I think they're so versatile for both men and women. And the ways that you can wear them — you can do denim-on-demin, blue denim on black, under a blazer with a dress pant ... It works so well in so many different situations. One thing that I would like to see go away are — it's a toss up between — ... a whole outfit. First, the really wide, open, deep V T-shirt. I don't care how good your chest is, it doesn't matter. And then also wildly embellished jeans for guys. There's something to be said for simple, well-cut, tried-and-true denim jeans.

What are some of the standout differences between Mark's of now and Mark's Work Wearhouse of the past, from your perspective?
I think now Mark's really offers you the opportunity to leave with a full outfit. They are pieces that are affordable, great quality and fashionable, and whether you're a college kid or a mom with five kids, they really have something available for everybody. The look, the new experience that you can have in the Mark's store and the new apparel they offer, it's basically now one-stop shopping whereas before you would come in for a specific item.

And last but not least, how many bow ties do you own?
Probably around 150.

Retail retake

The new face of Mark's

- **New name.** After 35 years as Canada's leader in industrial clothing Mark's Work Wearhouse has officially changed its name to Mark's, a decision which is said to represent the company's move towards offering more fashionable, casual apparel and footwear for men and women and broadening its appeal to a wider range of consumers.
- **New look.** All Mark's stores have received internal and external upgrades to the look and design in order to offer a more aesthetically pleasing shopping environment.
- **New shopping experience.** The new Mark's stores have been outfitted to offer a better shopping experience for Canadian consumers, particularly female shoppers. Some of the new in-store features are larger fitting rooms, wardrobe and footwear specialists and unique and interactive product demonstrations such as the walk-in-freezer and footwear testing ramp.

Good jeans

"I used to get made fun of all the time for wearing it and now it's one of the huge trends."
Brad Goreski on the denim-on-denim craze

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In Cobourg, Hoskin Farms Market is a family-owned farm specializing in grain-fed, hormone-free, age-verified beef.

Northumberland Soapworks in Colborne makes handmade soaps from herbs, honey and other locally grown ingredients.

Farmers' markets are in full swing throughout the route. Load up your basket with homemade baked goods as well as pumpkin, sweet corn and seasonal favourites. Popular markets include: Port Hope, Cobourg, Moore Orchards, Burnham Family Farm, Rutherford's Farm, Deleeuw Orchards, and Pieter's Appleyard.

In Brighton, don't miss Applefest this weekend – one of the area's biggest annual festivals.

And visit the challenging six-acre corn maze in the shape of three badgers at Cricklewood Farm. To find your way out, follow the scent of fresh-baked pies and hot apple cider made from the more than 40 varieties of apples.

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Tangy. Wheat Berry, Corn and Red Pepper Salad

This recipe serves eight. YVONNE DUIVENVOORDEN

Ingredients

- 1 cup soft wheat berries
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 1 sweet red pepper, diced
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 5 leaves fresh basil, finely shredded
- Smoked Paprika

Vinaigrette

- 3 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil

"A tangy spiced vinaigrette gives this salad a touch of smokiness that complements the sweet corn and red pepper," write the The Canadian Living Test Kitchen chefs in 150 Essential Whole Grains. "Serve it with your favourite grilled or roasted pork dish."

1. Smoked Paprika Vinaigrette: In large bowl, whisk together vinegar, garlic, mustard, paprika, salt and pepper; gradually whisk in oil. Set aside.

2. In saucepan of boiling salted water, cook wheat berries until tender, about 1 hour. Add corn; cook for 30 seconds. Drain and rinse under cold water; drain again and add to vinaigrette.

3. Add red pepper, green onions and basil; toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. (Make-ahead: Refrigerate for up to 24 hours.)

Lemon Cornmeal Cookies: Escape traditional sweetness

"These rustic cornmeal S-shaped cookies are a delicious change of pace from traditional sweet cookies," write the The Canadian Living Test Kitchen chefs in 150 Essential Whole Grains. "The cornmeal gives them a pleasant crunch that goes well with a cup of tea. Dust them with icing sugar, if desired."

1. In large bowl, whisk flour with cornmeal; using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until crumbly.

2. Beat together egg yolks, brown sugar and vanilla until thickened, about 5 minutes. Scrape over flour mixture. Add lemon zest; beat at medium speed just until blended. (Dough will be stiff.)

3. On work surface and working with 1/4 cup batter at a time, roll and shape into 15-inch (38 cm) long ropes. Cut into 3-inch (8 cm) lengths; bend into S shapes. Place, 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart, on parchment paper–lined rimless baking sheets. Refrigerate for 30 mins.

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/3 cups fine stone-ground cornmeal
- 1 cup cold butter, cubed
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest

4. Bake in top and bottom thirds of 375 F (190 C) oven, rotating and switching pans halfway through, until golden, 10 to 12 minutes.

5. Let cool on pans on racks for 3 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks; let cool. (Make-ahead: Layer between waxed paper in airtight container and store for up to 4 days or freeze for up to 1 month.)

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Lemon Cornmeal Cookies

This recipe makes about 84 cookies. EDWARD POND

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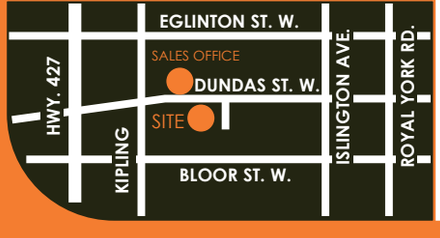

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Lowest August on record

New rules impact last month's sales

BRYAN TUCKEY
President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta), (facebook.com/bildgta), and bildblogs.ca.

Consumer confidence plays an important part in any market, and the new homes industry is no exception.

The federal government has recently been working on reducing household debt levels, with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty frequently expressing his desire to cool sales of new homes. In mid-July, adjusted mortgage lending rules came into effect and it appears these regulations have affected consumer confidence, resulting in significantly reduced sales of new homes.

After the first full month under the new rules, new home sales in the GTA added up to the lowest monthly total since 2009 and the lowest August on record at 1,242 sales.

I understand that one month of reduced sales does not signify a new trend, particularly in August when sales are naturally lower than the rest of the year. Having said that, our association will be keeping a very close eye on new home transactions in the coming months to analyze the potential impact this could have on the economy.

As BILD Chair Paul Golini mentioned earlier this week, consumer confidence in the new homes market is crucial to a healthy economy, particularly in an industry that employs more than 75,400 people in the City of Toronto alone. That number jumps to 193,000 jobs across the GTA, and 856,000 nation-wide, making it one of the largest employers in the country and an enormous factor in Ontario's strong economic recovery in recent years.

It is important for the federal government to spread confidence in the industry, explaining that the market is healthy and returning to stability after a banner year in 2011.

Additionally, it is imperative that the provincial government addresses the issue surrounding the diminishing housing supply in the GTA market. As a result of Ontario's emphasis on intensification, pricing for low-rise homes has increased dramatically, limiting choice in housing options and affordability for many homebuyers.

With interest rates still remarkably low and incoming new transit corridors already in the works, the new homes market in the GTA still looks positive and I look forward to seeing the sales figures over the fall months.

What's hot on the condo market

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1. Richmond Hill

Grand opening

The Manors of Roseview townhome sales centre. Check it out at 187 and 189 Lucas St. in Richmond Hill, Sept. 29 from 12 - 5 p.m. Call 905-653-7640

2. Little Italy

New release

IT Lofts in Little Italy. Head on over to 884 College St., Sept. 29 from 12 - 5 p.m. Call 416-690-0101 or visit itlofts.com.

3. Fernbrook

Grand opening

The Pinery townhome residences. Check it out at Mclevin Ave. and Pinery Trail, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 416-667-0447 or visit fernbrookhomes.com.

4. Oakville

Urban townhomes

Millstone on the Park. Check it out at 2480 Dundas St. W. in Oakville. Sept. 27 from 6:30p.m. - 10 p.m. Call 905-825-3619 or visit millstonepark.ca

The centrepiece of Regent Park's arts scene

Condo trends. In the transformed community, the Daniels Spectrum building is playing an important role

DUNCAN MCALLISTER
Metro World News

The Regent Park community took the wraps off its new $38-million arts centre at a public opening last week, attended by some of Toronto's well-known luminaries of the arts and development industries.

Originally named the Regent Park Arts and Cultural Centre, the facility has been renamed to Daniels Spectrum in recognition of a $4 million lead gift from the Daniels Corporation and the John and Myrna Daniels charitable foundation. A total of $5.7 million in additional charitable contributions was also announced at the event.

The result of more than seven years of collaboration between the Regent Park Community, Artscape, Toronto Community Housing and the Daniels Corporation, the new facility will be the centrepiece of the neighbourhood arts scene. The main theatre is a magnificent, fully-equipped, high-tech performance space with adjoining workspaces that allow local artists to collaborate.

"Buildings, arts, culture are an expression of our civic scene, our identity," said Glen Murray, MPP for Toronto Centre, was on hand for the event. "They're a manifestation of who we are and everything we see around us."

Of the corporate sponsorships, he said, "These people have taken social corporate responsibility, truly shared value and are a model corporation in our society right now for social engagement."

The Daniels Spectrum arts centre is a collaboration between the Regent Park Community, Artscape and Toronto Community Housing. SUBMITTED

Artscape, a not-for-profit organization that makes affordable space for artists from underutilized buildings, were instrumental in creating the new space.

"It's a real testament to the strength, the integrity, the courage of our partners at Daniels, at Toronto Community Housing, the Regent Park residents and our tenants in the role that they played in making this incredible place happen," said president and CEO Tim Jones.

Many new and existing organizations will benefit from the centre, including the At-Heart Community Art Centre, the Centre for Social Innovation, the COBA collective of Black Artists, Native Earth Performing Arts and Pathways to Education.

The centre will also be the new home to the Regent Park Film Festival, bringing public screenings of independent film to the community. The Regent Park School of Music which was founded in 1999, will also be operating out of the facility.

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Noise

Condos that go bump in the night

I recently purchased a condo and was quite happy for the first little while. Then I realized that my unit was right above the building's garage door. At all hours of the day and night, the door opens and slams shut. I have approached the management company and they have attempted to decrease the noise but it still wakes me up when I am asleep and interferes in the enjoyment of my unit. What can I do?

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This is an all-too-common problem with condominiums.

The other two potential sources of condo living noises come from being located near the large garbage dumpsters (which often have an early morning pickup) and units being located adjacent to the elevator shaft (which can sometimes be heard in the living unit).

Unfortunately, there is very little that can be done about these problems as they are necessary noises that come with communal living, whether that be in an apartment or a condo.

The buyer must beware to avoid these units and make enquiries before putting in an offer on a specific unit in a building.

Often, these units will be priced lower than their neighbours because the present owner has been living through these problems.

You should obviously check to see if the noises are louder than they should be but, honestly, this is part and parcel of communal living.

Caveat emptor (let the buyer beware).

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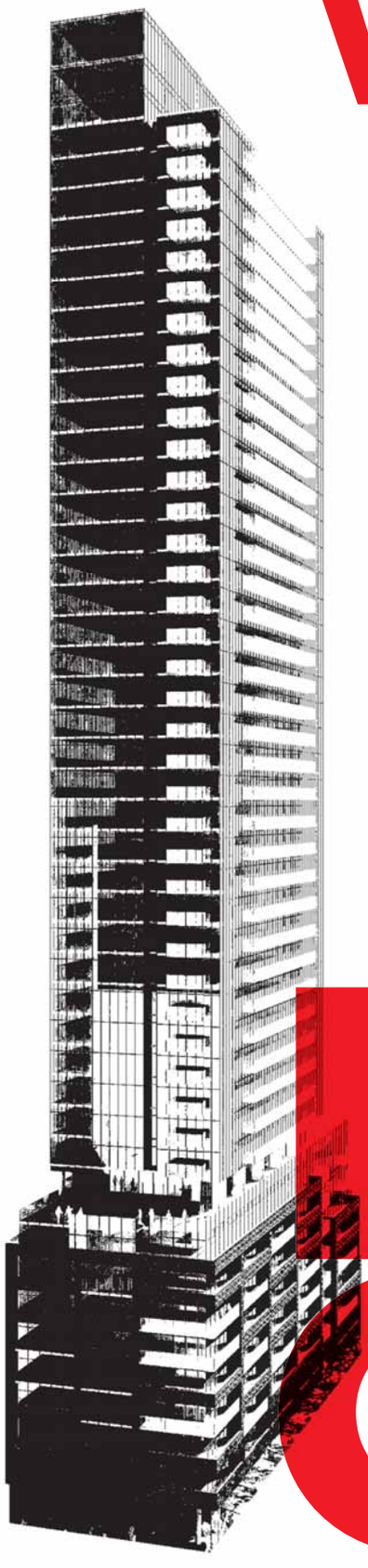

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The studio of Linda Blinn, editor of Studios magazine, is multi-functional. Blinn uses the shorter table while sitting, and the taller table when she needs to stand to do her mixed-media artwork. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/INTERWEAVE/KARI BLINN

The studio of Mary Heebner, based in an old industrial building, is ideal to start larger works that she can begin on the floor, and then pin them to a nearby wall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/MACDUFF EVERTON

Tips for making an artist's space both functional and inspirational

Work area. No matter how small or large, the place in which an artist creates will have personal touches

An artist's workspace is as personal as the artwork.

Talk to different artists, and you'll get a variety of individual requirements for the spaces in which they create: Some need a lot of space, others very little. Some need quiet, others crank the music to deafening levels. There are those who want every piece of equipment in its place, and others who scatter their materials all over.

The common denominator? Each finds that personal blend of the functional and the inspirational.

"Once people define a designated space to do their art, it's a very important step on their journey as an artist," says Linda Blinn, editor of the quarterly magazine Studios. "It says, 'I think of myself as an artist.'"

Some artists carve creative space out of closets, armoires, laundry rooms and mudrooms, says Blinn, while others hire designers to create elaborate studios.

"You have to decide what you're going to do there and what you love," says Jo Packham, editor of Where Women Create, a quarterly magazine in which women write about their own creative spaces.

"I love containers. I love little bottles, and everything has to be very organized," Packham says about her own Ogden, Utah, studio.

Packham thinks a good table and chair are essential.

"It wears on you to sit a long time," she explains.

The fun part in planning an art studio is instilling personality and inspiration, which can show up in how things are organized. "Some people can't look at disorder. Everything has to be behind closed doors," says Blinn. "Other people need to see everything they've got, so it has to be out."

Packham likes to see her supplies, storing them in see-through boxes, and glass jars and bottles.

"If it's in a box, for me, it's gone," she says.

Lee Meredith, a knit designer, stores yarns, threads and fabric openly in cubbyholes and hanging shoe organizers. Her supplies are accessible, but they also provide colorful inspiration in the small studio in her Portland, Ore., home.

"I love colours and I love to be able to see all my yarn," says Meredith. "I love to see what will inspire me that day."

Meredith's yarn cubbies are made from Trader Joe's coffee cans covered in contact paper, glued together in two rows, then attached to the wall above her work station.

It's her most popular storage craft, she says, at her craft blog, Leethal.

"It's functional as an organizational tool, but it's really wall art," says Meredith. "It really stands out."

Mary Heebner, a Santa Barbara, Calif., mixed-media painter, prefers a soothing studio space. The walls are white, the better for showcasing her art. She works in quiet, enjoys breaks in nature, and needs a lot of floor and wall space. She'll start with a piece on the floor, then pin it to a nearby wall.

"I let the paint drizzle, use powdered pigments, mix paint directly on the surface of the paper," says Heebner. "Then something starts to coalesce."

Her favourite piece of furniture keeps her organized: a table configured from four filing cabinets — the kind that store maps — with a combined 40 narrow drawers that are stacked in two columns and topped with galvanized metal.

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Warm trends for fall. You don't have to be a Rockefeller to add a bit of autumn luxury to your home

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Let's welcome fall this week without the pressures of spending lavish amounts of money on decorating.

I'm not quite ready for the cold weather so we'll add a few affordable touches of warmth around the house to help take the fall chill off.

Sometimes it's the simple pleasures that can get us through these seasonal changes, so let's save some money, because next week, it's all about the luxurious trends for winter decorating ahead.

In the bath

Step out of the shower to a soft and cozy Plush Pile Bath Rug made of pure cotton. Over 25 colours to choose (Shore shown) assures a designer match in the bathroom. From $45, RestorationHardware.com.

In the den

Treat your feet to a chunky footrest woven from recycled fabric remnants cover the Recycled Pouf. $99, CB2.com.

The great outdoors

Create warmth outside on the terrace with a lightweight and portable Table-top Pedestal Propane Heater. Operates on a one-pound propane tank and has a commercial-grade stainless burner, $130, Sears.ca.

At the bed

Reminiscent of a 1940s bed jacket, Barbara Barry's pale blue Crescent Moon Quilt is a luxurious quilted layering piece with a silk look that adds a touch of glamour to a hotel-inspired bedroom. $200/queen, TheBay.com.

At the desk

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What is the best carpet stain remover that I can buy? I live on a farm, and having a professional come clean my carpet would be very expensive. I would like to do this on my own, I just don't know what to do.

Dear Carpet Cleaner,
I personally do not believe in general carpet-cleaning products. What often happens is that if you actually have the right cleaner for the right stain, the cleaned area becomes bright and the remaining carpet stays dirty. When a professional cleans your carpet, first they treat the stain, then they traditionally clean the entire carpet area. This is the secret to avoiding discolouration.

What I have tried is a small hand-held carpet cleaner and at first I was convinced I would hate it. Yet, I soon fell in love! What I use most often is the suction part of the appliance as soon as the spill occurs, then get the excess liquid out very fast. This has worked a few miracles for me. With a few tougher stains with mud and dirt, I followed up with the cleaning formula and it worked like a charm. But be careful; you don't need to run out and buy the biggest, most expensive one. In fact a small hand held is all I think anyone has room for, and easy enough to use on furniture, and carpets. Good Luck!

Shower curtains

Down sides to using PVC

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What's the eco-friendliest shower curtain?
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Ban PVC shower curtains from your home. ISTOCK

I'll tell you what's not: PVC or plastic number 3. If you have a shower curtain made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), you should recycle it.

Polyvinyl chloride is known to off-gas hormone disrupting phthalates. Phthalates are used to soften plastics. You'll know PVC from other popular plastic products like food wrap, teething rings, pet toys and blister packaging. Remember that smell when you first opened the package? It's not unlike that "new car smell." What you smell is the release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), phthalates and metals.

In fact, a study by the Centre for Health, Environment and Justice found that these chemicals are released into the air inside our homes, contributing to indoor air pollution. PVC shower curtains can release as many as 108 volatile organic chemicals. Some of these chemicals are associated with developmental damage as well as damage to the liver and central nervous, respiratory, and reproductive systems. Not pretty.

Also, these chemicals are persistent. They were found in the air 28 days after a PVC shower curtain was unwrapped and hung! To prevent these chemicals from being released from PVC and ending up in our bodies and the environment it's best to choose an alternative.

Today, you can find shower curtains labelled PVC-free at most home-design or department stores. These are made from a plastic called PEVA (polyethylene vinyl acetate) — made without the chlorine molecules. But it's still plastic.

A newer option on the market is a hemp shower curtain. But before you fork out the 90-plus dollars for this natural, biodegradable option, make sure your bathroom is well ventilated. While hemp shower curtains are naturally mildew and mould-resistant, they need to be left open and aired out to dry and laundered regularly.

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Give your cluttered garage a tune-up

Whether your garage is slightly disheveled or looks more like a storage unit, the changeover to fall is an ideal time to give your parking pad a much-needed tune-up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CONTAINER STORE

Untapped treasures. Handy household items are probably buried in your garage somewhere, so clean it up and you'll avoid re-buying items and tripping on that sharp chainsaw

For many families, the end of summer means it's time to put away the inflatable kiddie pools, camping equipment and gardening tools for the season.

If you plan to shove this gear into arbitrary piles around the edge of the garage, you're not alone. But a messy garage is not just unsightly, it can cost you money.

People with cluttered garages tend to waste time searching for misplaced items and end up re-buying things they already own, says Erica Ecker, a professional organizer in New York City. They also risk injury. Garages often hold hedge trimmers, toxic chemicals and other dangerous items alongside children's scooters and bikes.

An overstuffed garage puts your vehicles at risk, too. When the car door can't swing open without hitting a wheelbarrow or workbench, it gets dented and dinged.

Monica Ricci, a professional organizer who makes appearances on the HGTV show Mission: Organization, says that in many homes, garages are so filled with clutter they stop serving their main purpose.

Whether your garage is slightly disheveled or looks more like an overstuffed storage unit, now is an ideal time to give it a tune-up:

Prepare

Tackling a junk-filled garage is physically demanding. Ecker advises pacing yourself and setting a schedule in advance. Consider renting an outdoor storage container so your belongings aren't sitting in the driveway or in the house for a month while you finish reorganizing the garage.

Enlist help. If you can't afford a professional organizer, recruit relatives or offer to swap labour with a friend who is planning a similar household project.

An assistant can help you move heavy objects, keep you motivated and ask objective questions ("Do you really use that?"), says Ellen Kutner, who runs the company Simply Organized in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Empty and sort

Empty the contents of the garage out into the driveway and begin sorting it into piles, grouping like things together. Categories will vary by household, but you may start with Sporting Equipment, Tools, Hardware, Car Care, Lawn Care, Seasonal, Toys and Household Goods.

Purge

The next step — paring down your stuff — is the most important. First, toss anything broken or expired. Return borrowed items to their owners. If you own multiples of something, donate the duplicates or sell them. Analyze how often things get used. "Too often the garage can be like a time capsule," Ricci says. Are you storing camping equipment from when your college-age kids were Cub Scouts? Time to get rid of it.

Spruce up the space

While the garage is bare, give it a thorough cleaning. Kristin Long, who owns the company The Organizational Specialists, recommends adding durable floor tiles or a fresh coat of paint. Making the garage more visually appealing will inspire you to keep it tidy. While you're at it, wipe down all the warm-weather gear that is going to get stashed for the next eight months.

Build upward

Look at what's left and figure out where it will live in the garage, placing the most frequently used stuff in the most accessible locations. Install shelving to add vertical storage and get things off the floor. Clear bins are best so you can see what's inside. Ecker recommends the ELFA system sold by The Container Store, saying it's easy to install and adjust. If you're feeling less ambitious, the snap-together plastic shelves sold at any big-box store work fine.

Label everything

Label containers using a Sharpie or other permanent method. Be sure to label the container, not the shelf, so when bins get moved, items are still put in the correct place, Long says.

Maintain

An organizing project is only as good as its upkeep. When you start to see clutter accumulating, it's time to do garage maintenance. If you buy something new, something else has to go.

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Taking the time to prepare for your new furry friend will prevent stress and unnecessary accidents. ISTOCK IMAGES

Is your home pet-ready?

Introducing a pet into your home may not be as difficult as you think.

"Pets enrich our lives and bring happiness to our homes, but careful preparation is necessary for such a commitment," says Steve Gray, a broker with Royal LePage Kelowna in B.C. "You can make the process easier with a few helpful tips." Gray recommends the following:

Consider a crate for your pet
Most pets do not come trained and they certainly don't know what's safe to chew.

By crating your pet when you are away, you ensure that your possessions are left intact and your pet's safety is put first.

In addition to protecting your belongings, crating your pet will encourage good behaviour during the most formative years.

Secure your kitchen cabinets
There are many kitchen items that are deadly to animals.

Contact your veterinarian for a list of these products and secure your cabinets with child-proof locks. Keep your trash can tightly lidded.

Make sure your heating and air vents have adequate covers
If you are bringing home a "pocket pet," such as a hamster or guinea pig, you may be surprised at the tiny areas your new friend can squeeze into.

By placing closely-grated covers on your vents, you ensure the safety of your pet. You also prevent fur and hair from clogging your air ducts and decreasing your home's overall efficiency. These tips can make the transition much less complicated.

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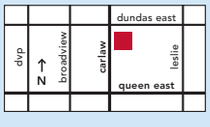

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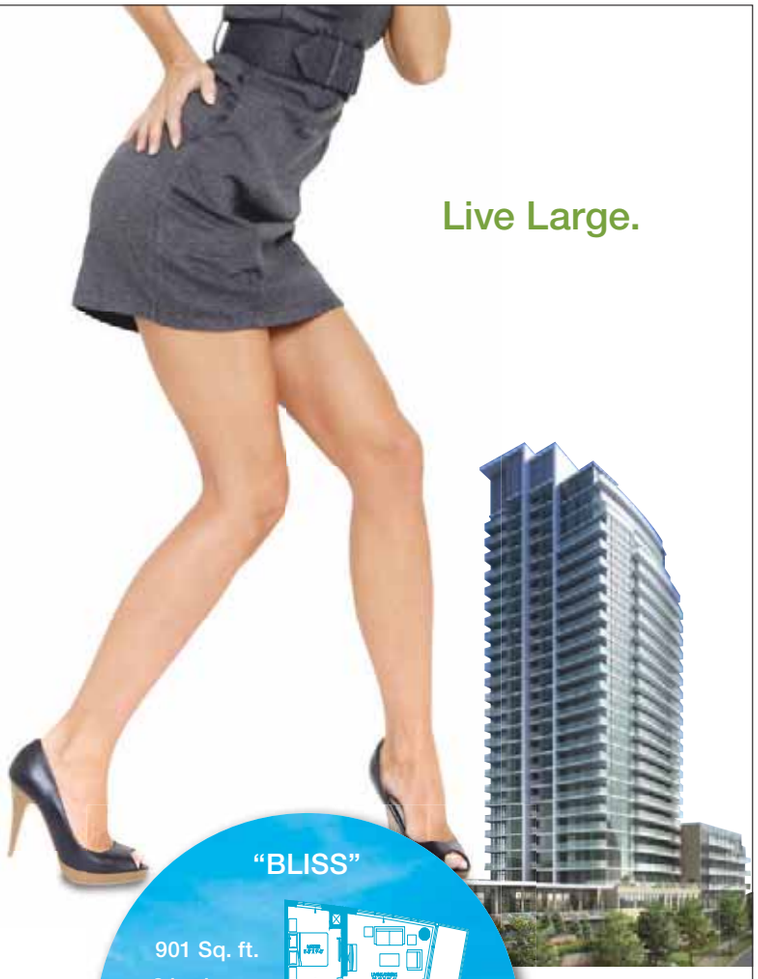

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Make your basement an inviting area

Untapped treasures. Subterranean spaces often get ignored in decor — jazz them up!

It's easy to find advice on decorating nearly every inch of your home.

Kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, baths — even mudrooms and closets get attention. But the lowly basement gets short shrift.

These spaces present a host of decorating challenges, from low ceilings and limited natural light to never-ending battles with dampness and even flooding.

Kathryn Bechen, author of the new Small Space Organizing (Revell Books), first tackled basement decorating while living in a tiny basement apartment. Years later, she preaches the same decorating techniques that helped make her underground rental into a cosy home: Decide exactly how you'll use your basement, and then either embrace its dark coziness or use colour, texture and the right furnishings to bring the illusion of bright, open space.

She and interior designers Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of decordemon.com, and Kyle Schuneman, an expert on decorating small spaces, offer advice on making basements beautiful.

Lighten up or embrace the dark

"Since there's usually a major lack of natural light in basements," Flynn says, "inject light by using muted colour and tons of white. What I often do is stick with muted greys on the walls, then use ultra-white on ceilings to help bounce light throughout the space. But to make it more punchy, I toss in a super-saturated accent colour such as fire-engine red, grassy green or orange."

Using plenty of floor and table lamps will also help, and Bechen says the old advice about mirrors shouldn't be ignored: Strategically placing a mirror opposite even a tiny basement window will help maximize light.

Go bold

All three designers believe basements are perfect spots for bold decorating. Experiment with colours you don't normally use or indulge in theme decorating that might feel like overkill if you did it throughout your house.

Basements are perfect "for having a retro moment," Schuneman says, since many of them feature vintage wood paneling and decorative touches that have been in place for decades. You're not creating a stage set, he says. But if there are vintage pieces already in your basement, why not amplify that look rather than removing it?

Change the ceiling

"Many basements have drop-down ceilings, which are definitely practical since it makes for easy access to plumbing and electrical," Flynn says. But inexpensive drop-down tiles are often unattractive and look cheap. "I usually recommend high-end ceiling tiles with architectural detail. They're double or triple the price of basic drop ceiling tiles, but they give a much more sophisticated look. Plus, you can install them yourself."

Warm up the floor

First, choose materials that can handle moisture.

Even basements that don't normally flood can still have a buildup of moisture. Schuneman recommends laminate flooring or vinyl floor tiles for durability and for style: Thanks to improved technology, he says, "there's some really rad stuff out there."

Bechen recommends cork flooring, which is durable, warm and soft underfoot. And Flynn recommends FLOR carpet tiles. "You can install them yourself," he says, "plus they can come up if the floor gets wet, then you can take them outside and dry them in the sun."

Organic elements

"Basements don't have to be all concrete and plastic," Flynn says. "I like to incorporate organic elements wherever possible, such as sisal on a stairwell. The rough texture is great for traction, and it creates more of an inviting, residential feeling upon entry to a basement."

Along with using organic materials, Bechen suggests bringing in plants.

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What about windows?

- If you decide not to invest in new windows, you can increase the energy efficiency of your existing ones: "Storm windows are certainly a good idea," Selzer said.
- Insulating draperies or other window treatments also can help increase comfort. "They're so much more tailored and thinner than they used to be," she said.

Inject light in a basement with plenty of muted greys and white colours.
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McIlroy focused on fitting in with the team

Golf. 'This week, I'm not the No. 1 player in the world,' young star says ahead of Ryder Cup

Rory McIlroy has gone from being a rookie in the Ryder Cup to a marked man at Medinah.

McIlroy is the first European in nearly 20 years to go into the Ryder Cup as the No. 1 player in the world, although the star power of this 23-year-old from Northern Ireland is about more than a ranking. He's already won two majors, with a record score in the U.S. Open last year and a record margin at the PGA Championship last month.

His four wins this year are the most in the world, all against the strongest fields.

So it was no surprise when Jim Furyk referred to Boy Wonder as the "present-day Tiger Woods" and a "marked man" at this Ryder Cup. That's the role Woods played for years in these matches when he dominated golf. There was a feeling among Europeans that beating Woods was worth more than one point because of the emotional lift it gave the rest of the team.

McIlroy doesn't see it that way. "This week I'm not the No. 1 player in the world," he said Wednesday. "I'm one person in a 12-man team, and that's it. It's a team effort. There's 12 guys all striving toward the same goal. I'm just part of that."

But even in this team competition, it's easy to get wrapped up in a single star.

There's only one way to keep score in the Ryder Cup, though it's tempting to make individuals accountable. Even when Woods was at his best, he still could only deliver a maximum of five points if he played every match. He never came close, and didn't produce a winning record until his fifth Ryder Cup.

"I don't have a number. I don't have a total," McIlroy said. "I think with the U.S. playing here at home, I think they are the favourites. It's a very strong team. So we know we have got to go out there and play very, very well to have a chance. So if I play on Friday morning, I just want to get my point and then take it from there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Field of dreams

Both teams look strong with all 24 players among the top 35 in the world.

- The Americans are loaded with experience behind Tiger Woods, Jim Furyk and Phil Mickelson.
- Europe has only one Ryder Cup rookie, Nicolas Colsaerts, and has captured the cup six of the last eight times.

Rory McIlroy drives during the third preview day of the 39th Ryder Cup at Medinah Country Club, just outside of Chicago, on Wednesday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"There's something about Ryder Cup which kind of intrigues me, how you can be great mates with somebody, but boy, do you want to kill them in Ryder Cup."

Englishman Ian Poulter on the intensity of international competition

MLB. Orioles crush Jays to keep pace with Yanks

Chris Davis and Manny Machado each connected twice and the Baltimore Orioles tied a team record with seven home runs, routing Toronto 12-2 Wednesday night and staying within 1 1/2 games of the AL East lead.

The Orioles ended a two-game skid against the Jays to remain close to the division-leading New York Yankees, who won 8-2 in Minnesota.

Nate McLouth hit a leadoff shot in the first inning and Jim Thome and Mark Reynolds also homered. Baltimore has hit seven home runs three times, most recently on Aug. 26, 1985. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays centre-fielder Colby Rasmus reaches in vain for Nate McLouth's first-inning homer on Wednesday in Baltimore. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Figure skating

Former Canadian champ Phaneuf calls it a career

Two-time Canadian figure skating champion Cynthia Phaneuf is stepping away from the ice.

The 24-year-old from Sorel-Tracy, Que., announced her retirement on Wednesday, which came after a roller-coaster 2011-12 season nagged by lingering back pain and a coaching change.

Phaneuf, the Canadian champion in 2004 and 2011, was diagnosed with a stress fracture in her back over the summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL. Reports say sides 'closing in' on referee deal

With NFL commissioner Roger Goodell at the table, the league and the referees' union pressed toward a settlement Wednesday to end a three-month lockout that triggered a wave of frustration and anger over replacement officials.

Two days after a controversial call cost the Green Bay Packers a win, both sides were said to be nearing a deal and several reports put regular officials back at work perhaps as early as Sunday.

ESPN reported that "an agreement in principle is at hand." The New York Times said the sides "were closing in" on a new agreement.

The NFL declined to confirm that a tentative contract was imminent.

The union wants improved salaries, retirement benefits and other logistical issues for the mostly part-time referees.

The NFL has proposed a pension freeze and a higher 401(k) match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"We want to go back to work, but it has to be the right deal for 121 guys."

NFL field judge Boris Cheek

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Washington's Robert Griffin III is so good it hurts. The Redskins rookie quarterback has been taking a beating because he's so good at pretending that he still has the ball after he's handed it off.

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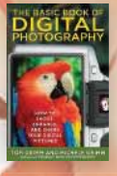

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Raptors guard Landry Fields reacts during practice Monday at the Air Canada Centre. Fields is one of Toronto's key newcomers.
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Fields fine with suiting up for Raps

NBA. Former Knicks guard landed in Toronto as result of chase for Steve Nash

Landry Fields knows a failed bid for Steve Nash may be what brought him to Toronto.

But the Raptors newcomer said he never saw the manner of his acquisition as an insult, and rather than dwell on the roller-coaster route that brought him to town, he plans to make the most of his new NBA home.

"I'm happy to be here, I'm reaping all the benefits from it, so I didn't really take any kind of offence to it at all," Fields said Wednesday. "I think this is where I need to be, and I'm happy to be here and do whatever the coaches and this organization needs me to do."

The 24-year-old former Stanford star was caught in the middle of a fierce battle for Nash in the off-season, targeted initially because the New York Knicks planned to use him as a piece of a sign-and-trade deal to lure the Canadian point guard to New York. The Raptors signed Fields to an offer sheet that the Knicks opted not to match.

Fields' contract will pay him about $20 million US over three seasons — a considerable sum perhaps for a player who struggled mightily in his sophomore season.

But the six-foot-seven, 216-pound player said his hefty contract hasn't heaped any added pressure on his shoulders.

Fields also said he learned from his second-season struggles.

"You've just got to push through," he said. "This season is so long, there are so many games, you can't get hung up on one play or one game, you've got to have a short-term memory." THE CANADIAN PRESS

New additions

Fields is one of several key newcomers to join the Raptors in the off-season.

- Other significant additions include Kyle Lowry, Jonas Valanciunas and Terrence Ross.

NBA

Heat's Bosh says he's fully healed and ready to play

Chris Bosh says the injury that almost kept him from last season's NBA Finals is healed, though he's still mindful that it could become a chronic problem if forgotten.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Bosh says he "thought it was over" when the Miami Heat trailed Indiana in last season's second round of the playoffs, the series where he injured an abdominal muscle in Game 1. The Heat recovered in that series, and eventually, so did Bosh, who returned to play a key role in the Eastern Conference finals and NBA Finals.
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EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
New York	90	65	.581	—	—
Baltimore	89	67	.571	1½	—
Tampa Bay	84	70	.545	5½	3
Boston	69	86	.445	21	18½
Toronto	68	87	.439	22	19½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Detroit	83	72	.535	—	—
Chicago	82	72	.532	½	5
Kansas City	70	85	.452	13	17½
Minnesota	65	91	.417	18½	23
Cleveland	64	91	.413	19	23½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Texas	91	63	.591	—	—
Oakland	87	67	.565	4	—
Los Angeles	85	69	.552	6	2
Seattle	72	82	.468	19	15

Wednesday's results
Baltimore 12 Toronto 2
N.Y. Yankees 8 Minnesota 2
Detroit 5 Kansas City 4
Tampa Bay at Boston
Oakland at Texas
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox
Seattle at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Toronto 4 Baltimore 0
Cleveland 4 Chicago White Sox 3
Detroit 2 Kansas City 0
Tampa Bay 5 Boston 2
Oakland 3 Texas 2 (10 innings)
Minnesota 5 N.Y. Yankees 4
L.A. Angels 5 Seattle 4
Thursday's games
All Times Eastern
Kansas City (Mendoza 8-9) at Detroit (Fister 10-9), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Blackley 5-3) at Texas (M.Harrison 17-10), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 7-5) at L.A. Angels (Haren 12-11), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 12-7) at Toronto (Morrow 8-7), 7:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 15-9) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 11-12), 8:10 p.m.

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Trout LAA	131	527	124	171	.324
Mauer Min	140	526	79	170	.323
Jeter NYY	151	651	96	208	.320
Butler KC	153	585	67	184	.315
Beltre Tex	148	574	92	181	.315
Fielder Det	154	554	80	171	.309
Murphy Tex	140	435	60	134	.308
Hunter LAA	133	506	77	155	.306
Jackson Det	130	515	98	156	.303

HOME RUNS — Hamilton, Texas, 43; Cabrera, Detroit, 42; Encarnacion, Toronto, 41; Dunn, Chicago, 41; Granderson, New York, 40; Willingham, Minnesota, 35; Beltre, Texas, 35; Jones, Baltimore, 32; Trumbo, Los Angeles, 31; Pujols, Los Angeles, 30
PITCHING — Weaver, Los Angeles, 19-4; Price, Tampa Bay, 19-5; Harrison, Texas, 17-10; Sale, Chicago, 17-7; Verlander, Detroit, 16-8; Darvish, Texas, 16-9; Scherzer, Detroit, 16-7; Hughes, New York, 16-13; Shields, Tampa Bay, 15-9; Greinke, Los Angeles, 15-5
Not including Wednesday's games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
z-Washington	93	61	.604	—	—
z-Atlanta	90	65	.581	3½	—
Philadelphia	78	76	.506	15	5½
New York	71	84	.458	22½	13
Miami	66	89	.426	27½	18

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
x-Cincinnati	93	61	.604	—	—
St. Louis	84	71	.542	9½	—
Milwaukee	79	75	.513	14	4½
Pittsburgh	76	79	.490	17½	8
Chicago	59	95	.383	34	24½
Houston	50	105	.323	43½	34

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
x-San Francisco	89	65	.578	—	—
Los Angeles	80	75	.516	9½	4½
Arizona	78	76	.506	11	5½
San Diego	74	81	.477	15½	10
Colorado	60	94	.390	29	23½

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L.A. Dodgers 8 San Diego 2
Atlanta 3 Miami 0
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St. Louis at Houston
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Arizona at San Francisco
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St. Louis 4 Houston 0
Colorado 10 Chicago Cubs 5 (7 innings)
San Diego 2 L.A. Dodgers 1
Arizona 7 San Francisco 2
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Milwaukee (W.Peralta 2-1) at Cincinnati (Latos 13-4), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Correia 11-10) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 19-6), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Volstad 3-10) at Colorado (Chacin 2-5), 3:10 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 6-7) at San Francisco (Zito 13-8), 3:45 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 20-8) at Philadelphia (Cloyd 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Turner 1-3) at Atlanta (Hanson 12-9), 7:10 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Cabrera SF	113	459	84	159	.346
McCutchen Pit	149	565	106	190	.336
Posey SF	141	505	74	168	.333
Molina STL	132	484	61	156	.322
Braun Mil	146	567	101	180	.317
Craig STL	113	443	74	137	.309
Wright NYM	149	556	88	170	.306
Scutaro SF	149	596	82	181	.304
Prado Atl	149	595	78	181	.304
Hill Ari	148	574	86	174	.303

HOME RUNS — Braun, Milwaukee, 40; Bruce, Cincinnati, 34; Stanton, Miami, 34; Laroche, Washington, 32; Soriano, Chicago, 31; Kubel, Arizona, 30; Beltran, St. Louis, 30; Davis, New York, 30; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 30; Alvarez, Pittsburgh, 30
PITCHING — Gonzalez, Washington, 20-8; Cueto, Cincinnati, 19-9; Dickey, New York, 19-6; Lynn, St. Louis, 17-7; Lohse, St. Louis, 16-3; Hudson, Atlanta, 16-6.
Not including Wednesday's games

ORIOLES 12, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0	McLouth lf	4	2	2	1
Rasmus cf	3	0	0	0	Hoes ph-lf	1	0	0	0
McCoy ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Hardy ss	3	2	2	0
Encarnacion dh	4	1	1	1	Quintanilla ph-ss	1	0	0	0
Escobar ss	3	0	0	0	Davis rf	4	2	2	5
Hechavarria ph	1	0	1	0	Chavez rf	0	0	0	0
Lind 1b	4	0	3	0	Jones cf	4	0	1	0
Davis rf	3	0	0	0	Avery cf	0	0	0	0
Sierra ph	1	0	0	0	Wieters c	3	1	0	0
Vizquel 2b	3	0	0	0	Thome dh	4	1	1	1
Arencibia c	2	1	1	0	Reynolds 1b	4	2	1	2
Gose lf-cf	3	0	1	1	Flaherty 2b	3	0	1	0
					Andino 2b	1	0	0	0
					Machado 3b	4	2	2	3
Totals	32	2	7	2	Totals	36	12	12	12

Toronto	100	010	000 —2
Baltimore	100	052	22x —12

E—Lawrie 2. LOB—Toronto 4, Baltimore 2. DP—Toronto 2. Baltimore 1. 2B—Jones (39), Arencibia (16). HR—McLouth (6); Davis (28); Thome (3); Reynolds (23); Machado (6). Encarnacion (42).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Villanueva L, 7-7	4 2-3	7	6	6	1	7
Lyon	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Carreno	1	2	2	2	1	1
Beck	1	2	2	2	0	1
Carpenter	1	1	2	1	0	2
Baltimore						
Gonzalez W, 8-4	7	5	2	2	1	1
Matusz	1	0	0	0	0	2
Hunter	1	2	0	0	0	0

WP — Villanueva. **Umpires**—Home, Tom Hallion; First, Brian O'Nora; Second, Chad Fairchild; Third, Alfonso Marquez.
T—2:47. **A**—26,513 (45,971) at Baltimore.

CALENDAR

Oct. 5 — Postseason begins, wild-card playoffs.
Oct. 6 — Division series begin.
Oct. 13 — League championship series begin.
Oct. 24 — World Series begins, city of National League champion.
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.
November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.
Nov. 7-9 — General managers meetings, Indian Wells, Calif.

HOCKEY

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TOP 10 POLL

Second weekly top-10 poll for the 2012-13 season (previous ranking in parentheses):
1. (1) Quebec Remparts (QMJHL, 2-0-0-0)
2. (2) Edmonton Oil Kings (WHL, 2-0-0-0)
3. (3) London Knights (OHL, 2-0-0-0)
4. (5) Kitchener Rangers (OHL, 2-0-0-0)
5. (6) Halifax Mooseheads (QMJHL, 2-0-0-0)
6. (4) Portland Winterhawks (WHL, 2-1-0-0)
7. (8) Blainville-Boisbriand Armada (QMJHL, 2-0-0-0)
8. (NR) Kamloops Blazers (WHL, 2-0-0-0)
9. (NR) Belleville Bulls (OHL, 2-0-0-0)
10. (NR) Calgary Hitmen (WHL, 2-0-0-0)

Honourable Mentions
Rimouski Oceanic (QMJHL, 2-0-0-0); (10) Oshawa Generals (OHL, 1-1-0-0); (9) Saskatoon Blades (WHL, 1-1-0-0).

FOOTBALL

CFL

WEEK 13

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	12	8	4	0	332	337	16
Toronto	12	6	6	0	288	311	12
Hamilton	12	4	8	0	360	381	8
Winnipeg	12	3	9	0	237	377	6

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	12	9	3	0	317	222	18
Calgary	12	7	5	0	337	287	14
Saskatchewan	12	6	6	0	314	259	12
Edmonton	12	5	7	0	264	275	10

Friday's games
All times Eastern
Montreal at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Toronto at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
McCallum, BC	0	31	84	6	121
Whyte, Mtl	0	35	69	6	110
Palardy, Wpg	0	17	87	5	109
Paredes, Cal	0	31	66	1	98
Waters, Tor	0	13	63	4	80
Deangelis, Sas	0	14	51	1	66
Sheets, Sas	60	0	0	0	60
Milo, Sas	0	16	33	9	58
Whitaker, Mtl	54	0	0	0	54
Cornish, Cal	48	0	0	0	48
Lewis, Cal	42	1	0	0	44
Harris, BC	42	0	0	0	42
Walker, Ham	42	0	0	0	42
Dressler, Sas	42	0	0	0	42
Prefontaine, Tor	0	5	30	2	37
Matthews, Wpg	30	1	0	0	32
Anderson, Mtl	30	0	0	0	30
Owens, Tor	30	0	0	0	30
Kackert, Tor	30	0	0	0	30
Bruce, BC	30	0	0	0	30

NFL

WEEK FOUR

Thursday's game
All Times Eastern
Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, October 1
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

Oct. 16 — Fall league meeting, Chicago.
Oct. 16 — Trade deadline (4 p.m. EDT)

SOCCER

MLS

Friday's game
All Times Eastern
Chicago at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND
Wednesday's results
W Connection vs. Chivas
Marathon vs. Caledonia AIA
Alajuelense vs. Real Esteli
Tuesday's results
Aguila 0 Toronto 3
Herediano 2 Tauro 1
Monterrey 3 Municipal 0
Thursday's games
All Times Eastern
Puerto Rico Islanders vs.
Isidro Metapan, 8 p.m.
FAS vs. Olimpia, 10 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

THIRD ROUND
Wednesday's results
Arsenal 6 Coventry 1
Carlisle 0 Tottenham 3
Manchester United 2 Newcastle 1
Norwich 1 Doncaster 0
Queens Park Rangers 2 Reading 3
West Bromwich Albion 1 Liverpool 2

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

THIRD ROUND
Wednesday's results
Rangers 2 Motherwell 0
Dunfermline 0 Aberdeen 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Wednesday's results
Pescara 1 Palermo 0
AC Milan 2 Cagliari 0
Catania 2 Atalanta 1
Chievo 0 Inter Milan 2
Genoa 1 Parma 1
Napoli 3 Lazio 0
Roma 1 Sampdoria 1
Torino 0 Udinese 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Wednesday's results
Borussia Moenchengladbach 2 Hamburger SV 2
Stuttgart 0 Hoffenheim 3
Hannover 4 Nuremberg 1
Freiburg 1 Werder Bremen 2
Augsburg 1 Bayer Leverkusen 3

SPAIN

PRIMERA

Wednesday's result
Real Betis 2 Atletico Madrid 4

TENNIS

ATP — THAILAND OPEN

At Bangkok
Singles — First Round
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.
Go Soeda, Japan, def. Danai Udomchoke, Thailand, 6-4, 7-5.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.
Second Round
Janko Tipsarevic (1), Serbia, def. Hiroki Moriya, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen (7), Finland, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

MALAYSIAN OPEN

At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Singles — First Round
Feliciano Lopez (5), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Pablo Andujar (6), Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Alex Bogomolov, Jr., Russia, def. Dominic Inglot, Britain, 7-5, 6-3.
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Rajeev Ram, U.S., 7-6 (4), 4-2, retired.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Sanam Singh, India, 7-5, 6-4.
Second Round
Julien Benneteau (7), France, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 7-5, 6-2.
Vasek Pospisil, Vancouver, def. Michael Yani, U.S., 6-3, 7-5.

WTA — PAN PACIFIC OPEN

At Tokyo
Singles — Third Round
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Roberta Vinci (14), Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Rep., 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-1, 6-1.
Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Marion Bartoli (9), France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Li Na (7), China, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Sam Stosur (8), Australia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (12), Slovakia, 6-4, 7-5.
Nadia Petrova (17), Russia, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (1), 6-4.

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Argos receivers confident in Jackson

CFL. Backup QB launches 65-yard pass at practice on Wednesday as Toronto prepares to face Blue Bombers

Argos QB Jarious Jackson at practice Wednesday in Mississauga.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No one understands the importance of having on-field rapport with the quarterback better than Argonaut Chad Owens, the CFL's leading receiver.

But with the team's No. 1 pivot, Ricky Ray, sidelined with a knee injury this week — at least — Owens insists backup quarterback Jarious Jackson has the experience, ability and confidence to lead the Argos into Winnipeg.

"I'm not worried one bit," Owens said after the Argos practised Wednesday in Mississauga ahead of Saturday's game. "Jarious is just one of those guys who's going to give you a chance. He's got a strong arm. He has the ability to extend plays with his legs. He's a proven player."

Owens said the fact Jackson played most of last Sunday's loss in Montreal after Ray went down in the first quarter and has taken first-team reps in practice this week "for us to continue building chemistry," gives the offence a lot of confidence.

Jackson, a 35-year-old in his eighth CFL season, wowed teammates at Wednesday's practice by throwing a pass some 65 yards in the air, a potential weapon to stretch the defence. Saturday is a key game for the Argos (6-6), who sit second in the CFL East after having lost two in a row for the first time this season.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

World Cup head-butt bronzed

A bronze sculpture by Algerian artist Adel Abdessemed unveiled Wednesday in front of Paris' Centre Pompidou museum portrays former French soccer player Zinedine Zidane's head-butt on Italian Marco Materazzi during the 2006 World Cup final in Germany. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

English soccer

Rooney returns, Man U advances in League Cup

Wayne Rooney returned from a month-long injury absence as Manchester United eliminated Newcastle to set up a League Cup clash with Chelsea, while Liverpool relied on Nuri Sahin's first goals for the defending champions to advance on Wednesday.

Anderson and Tom Cleverley scored to give United a 2-1 victory as Rooney played for the first time since gashing his right thigh, completing 76 minutes at Old Trafford.

"It's been just over four weeks since I last played and I'm delighted to be back out on the pitch playing," Rooney said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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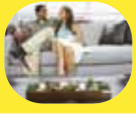

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will find yourself caught up in a conflict of some kind and you'll have no choice but to take sides. But which side to support? The one that is least likely to desert you in your own moment of need.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Apply common sense to whatever situation you find yourself in today. Also, make sure you keep your tongue firmly behind your teeth, whatever the provocation may be. This is not a good time to be honest!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It may be tempting to hit back at those who are giving you a hard time, but the more bad things you say now, the more work will have to be done later to patch things up. Let go of vengeful thoughts.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Cancer is a cardinal sign, which among other things means you are ready to fight for what you believe — and you may have to today. Don't let anyone take from you what you don't want to give — not now, not ever.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how strong you think your arguments may be, you cannot force others to do things they don't want to do and the sooner you accept that fact, the easier your life will be — and theirs too.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you know what is good for you, any chores and tasks that need doing will be left for the weekend. Today, your priority is to patch up a friendship or relationship that has been heading downhill.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's cosmic picture urges you to find a creative way to bleed off the anger and frustration that has been building up inside. Getting your feelings down on paper is an especially good idea — but don't publish them!

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are entitled to express your viewpoint forcefully but you are not entitled to stop others from expressing their opinions. Free speech is a right worth fighting for — for everyone, not just yourself.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may be the case that you have grown so comfortable doing something one way that you have failed to notice there are better ways to reach your goal. Move with the times. Not everything modern is bad.

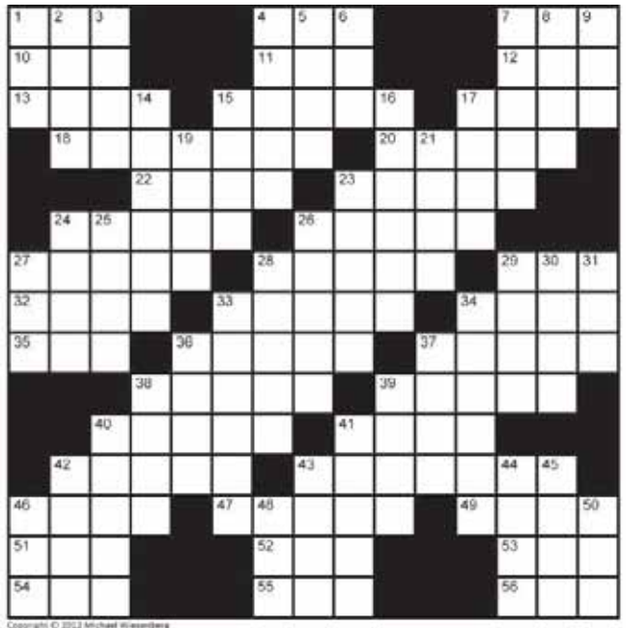
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Being a Capricorn, you enjoy it when the odds are against you, as it gives you a chance to prove how dynamic you are. While others are complaining that life is too tough, you'll just be getting on with it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you apply yourself to the problem at hand, it won't be a problem for long. There is a determination about Aquarius that helps you tackle issues that others too easily give up on. Show that resolve now.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Take no notice of those who say you are being irresponsible. They are merely jealous. Today's planetary set-up means it is better to be a bit reckless than take no risks at all. Do what feels right — and do it now. SALLY BROMPTON

Olio Is a Mixture; the Other One's Here

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Our star
4. Official Parliament opposition: initialism
7. "Finger-lickin' good" restaurant: initialism
10. Sean Lennon's mother Yoko
11. Consume
12. Society page adjective that means "born" in French
13. Prevaricator
15. Halifax-born singer McLachlan
17. Remove outside layer, as from an apple
18. IMAX ___
20. Checks out suggestively
22. Grandson of Adam who reputedly lived to 905
23. Eightsome
24. Race, as an engine (2 wds.)
26. Territory whose capital is Whitehorse
27. Canadian military trainee
28. Distinct musical sounds
29. Apply gingerly, with "on"
32. Great poker start
33. Impertinent
34. Dorothy's dog
35. Iniquity site
36. Chile con ___
37. Cheech's Edmonton-born partner
38. "How are you ___?"
39. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
40. "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Mr. Spaceman" group, with "The"
41. Evidence of healing
42. Makes a run for it
43. Anthem with English and French versions (2 wds.)
46. Chunk of dirt
47. Traditional Stampeder rival
49. National Park just across the Alberta-BC border from Banff
51. Do this on bended knees
52. "Big" clock in London
53. And not
54. Audiophile's collection
55. Bon ___: witticism
56. Potato bud

Down
1. Our sun
2. Litre, metre, or tonne
3. Biblical ark builder
4. Approaches
5. "Bet you can't," e.g.
6. School fund-raising grp.
7. Committed a hockey infraction
8. Bank assessments
9. Cartoon collectible
14. Beirut-born Canadian star of *The Matrix* series Keanu
15. "Halt!"
16. What many consider Canada's national game
17. Architect's design
19. "What are you, some kind of ___?" (2 wds)
21. Bygone Pontiac muscle cars
23. 28.35 grams
24. 100-metre dash, e.g.
25. Where Adam and Eve started
26. Toronto-born Neil called "The Godfather of Grunge"
27. Bounder
28. England's Lake District lakes
29. Exit or entrance
30. ___ time: never (2 wds.)
31. Marsh
33. "Because I ___!": parent's response to "Why do I have to?" (2 wds.)
34. Canada's best known retailer, familiarly (2 wds.)
36. Apple eater's throwaway
37. Tribe
38. Not the original color
39. Hertz Rent-_-___
40. Promotes oneself online
41. A bloodhound follows one
42. Took off
43. Margarine
44. Finished
45. Sailor's hail
46. *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* network
48. PC maker
50. Bauxite or hematite

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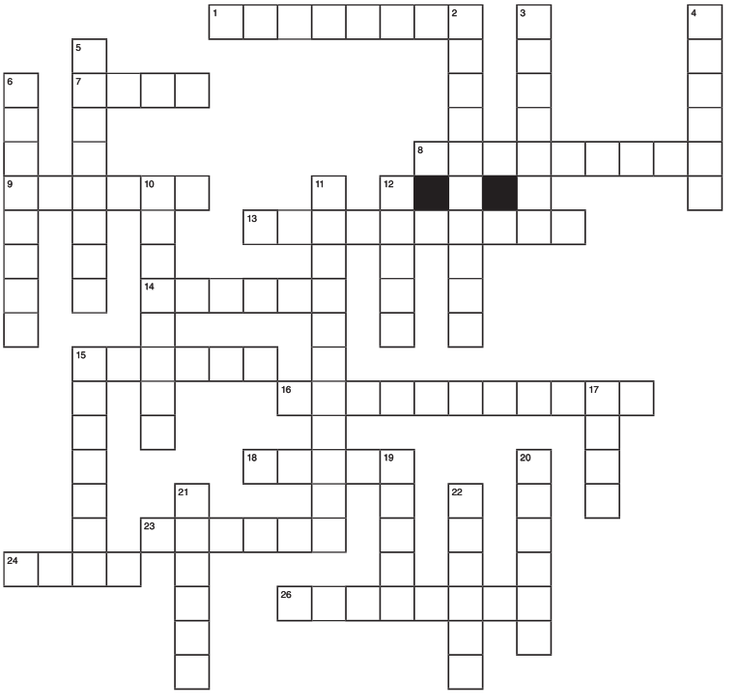
1. New York City nickname
7. Police file
8. Specialized police officer
9. Holmes actor: Jonny Lee _____
13. Hired for expert advice
14. Draw a conclusion
15. First Holmes home
16. Unique identifier
18. Support person
23. Fights crime
24. Police case hint
25. Brad, Billy Bob and Jonny Lee all connected to

DOWN

2. Straightforward and uncomplicated
3. 'cutting' Dr.
4. Famous for logic, disguises
5. Holmes previous employer: _____ Yard
6. Bad guy
10. Required for conviction
11. Inspect or Examine
12. "I Have a _____"
15. Charlie's Angel
17. Police Force in New York
19. Dr. Watson is to Dr. Wilson as Holmes is to _____
20. Thursdays on _____
21. Closed case
22. Dependency on drugs



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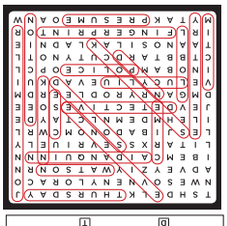

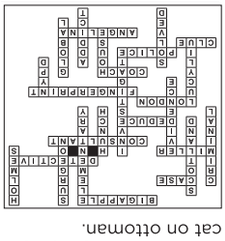

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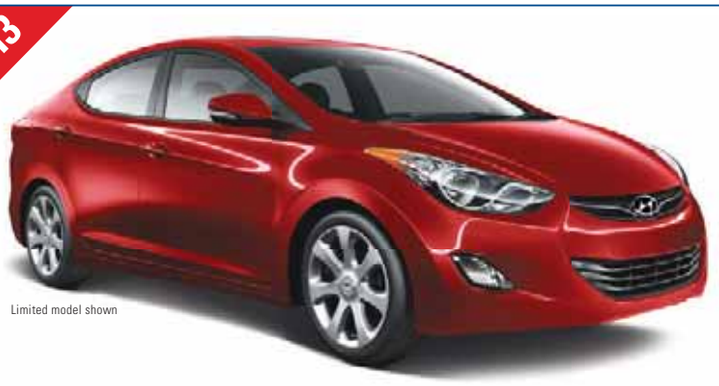

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